

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5575
OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS**

Add at the end the following new subsection:

1 (c) DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM RATE OF BASIC
2 PAY FOR POSITION BACKFILLED BY REASON OF COVID—
3 19 VACCINE MANDATE.—

4 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall not apply with respect to deter-
6 mining the maximum rates of basic pay for a
7 backfilled position, and the Secretary of Veterans
8 Affairs shall determine the maximum rates of basic
9 pay for such a backfilled position by applying the
10 provisions of title 38, United States Code, amended
11 by this section, as such provisions are in effect the
12 day before the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (2) BACKFILLED POSITION DEFINED.—In this
14 subsection, the term “backfilled position” means a
15 position covered by subsections (a)(2) or (e) of sec-
16 tion 7404 or section 7451 of title 38, United States
17 Code, as amended by this section, for which the Sec-
18 retary is hiring an individual to replace an individual
19 who was previously employed in that position but

1 whose employment was terminated solely on the
2 basis of refusing to receive a vaccination against
3 COVID-19.

