

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 705
OFFERED BY M.S. Ramirez

Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 **SEC. 3. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE COMPLE-**
3 **TION OF MENTAL COMPETENCY SECTION OF**
4 **DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRES.**

5 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Comptroller General of
6 the United States shall conduct a study on the extent to
7 which Department of Veterans Affairs contractor employ-
8 ees who perform compensation and pension examinations
9 accurately and consistently complete the mental com-
10 petency section of disability benefits questionnaires while
11 performing such examinations. Such study shall include—

12 (1) an evaluation of the training provided by
13 the Medical Disability Program Office of the De-
14 partment to such employees that is specific to the
15 mental competency section of the disability benefits
16 questionnaire;

17 (2) an identification and evaluation of any addi-
18 tional training contractors of the Department of
19 Veterans Affairs provide for such employees; and

1 (3) an identification and evaluation of any spe-
2 cific training Department of Veterans Affairs vet-
3 erans service representatives and rating veterans
4 service representatives receive related to evaluating
5 medical evidence for mental competency determina-
6 tions.

7 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one
8 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
9 Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on
10 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-
11 tives a report on the results of the study required under
12 subsection (a).

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 5501B of title 38,
14 United States Code, as added by section 2, shall not take
15 effect before the date on which the Committees on Vet-
16 erans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
17 receive the report under subsection (b).

