

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1041  
OFFERED BY MS. Ramirez**

Add at the end of the bill the following:

**1 SEC. 5. 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 year  
8       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-  
9       troller General shall submit to the Committees on Vet-  
10      erans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives  
11      a report on the results of the study required under sub-  
12      section (a).

