

48. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Kennedy OF Rhode Island, OR HIS  
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 5 MINUTES:

Revised #11

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5658, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. KENNEDY OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND MS. SHEA-PORTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 708. RESERVE COMPONENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
2 **CARE PROVIDER LOCATOR AND APPOINT-**  
3 **MENT ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION**  
4 **PROJECT.**

5 (a) **DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**—The Secretary of  
6 Defense shall conduct a demonstration project to assess  
7 the feasibility and efficacy of providing a behavioral health  
8 care provider locator and appointment assistance service  
9 to members of the reserve components of the Armed  
10 Forces.

11 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The demonstration project shall in-  
12 clude, at a minimum, a toll-free hotline, staffed and avail-  
13 able 24 hours a day 7 days a week, to help members of  
14 the reserve components find behavioral health care pro-  
15 viders and schedule outpatient appointments in the  
16 TRICARE network.

1 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for the dem-  
2 onstration project, a member of the Armed Forces shall  
3 meet the following requirements:

4 (1) Be a member of the Selected Reserve.

5 (2) Be enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select.

6 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The demonstration project  
7 shall be implemented not later than 180 days after the  
8 date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (e) SUNSET.—The authority for the demonstration  
10 project required by this section shall expire on September  
11 30, 2011.

12 (f) REPORTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall sub-  
13 mit to the congressional defense committees the following  
14 reports:

15 (1) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the  
16 date of the enactment of this Act, a report con-  
17 taining a plan to implement the demonstration  
18 project required by this section.

19 (2) UPDATES.—Not later than 180 days after  
20 such date of enactment and every 180 days there-  
21 after, a report containing an update on the dem-  
22 onstration project.

23 (3) FINAL EVALUATION.—Not later than Janu-  
24 ary 1, 2012, a report containing a final written eval-

- 1 uation, including recommendations for the extension
- 2 or expansion of the demonstration project.

