

13. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
DELAURO OF CONNECTICUT, OR HER DESIGNEE,  
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1815, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MS. DELAURO OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of title VII (page 297, after line 26), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 718. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FOR DEPENDENTS.**

2 (a) PROGRAM.—Not later than one year after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
4 shall develop a program to improve awareness of the avail-  
5 ability of mental health services for, and warning signs  
6 about mental health problems in, dependents of members  
7 of the Armed Forces whose sponsor served or will serve  
8 in a combat theater during the previous or next 60 days.

9 (b) MATTERS COVERED.—The program developed  
10 under subsection (a) shall be designed to—

11 (1) increase awareness of mental health services  
12 available to dependents of members of the Armed  
13 Forces on active duty;

14 (2) increase awareness of mental health services  
15 available to dependents of Reservists and National  
16 Guard members whose sponsors have been activated;  
17 and

18 (3) increase awareness of mental health issues  
19 that may arise in dependents referred to in para-



1 graphs (1) and (2) whose sponsor is deployed to a  
2 combat theater.

3 (c) TOLL-FREE NUMBER.—In carrying out this sec-  
4 tion, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a toll-free  
5 informational telephone number and website devoted to  
6 helping members of the Armed Forces and their depend-  
7 ents recognize, and locate treatment providers for, post-  
8 traumatic stress disorder and other forms of combat  
9 stress.

10 (d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary may permit the  
11 Department of Defense to coordinate the program devel-  
12 oped under subsection (a) with an accredited college, uni-  
13 versity, hospital-based, or community-based mental health  
14 center or engage mental health professionals to develop  
15 programs to help implement this section.

16 (e) AVAILABILITY IN OTHER LANGUAGES.—The Sec-  
17 retary shall ensure that the program developed under sub-  
18 section (a) is made available in foreign languages if nec-  
19 essary to aid comprehension among persons to be helped  
20 by the program.

