

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5136, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. MCMAHON OF NEW YORK

(Amendment offered for himself, Mr. Rooney of Florida, Mr.
Teague of New Mexico, and Mr. Luján of New Mexico)

Page 266, after line 8, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 706. SERVICES OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS.**

2 (a) REIMBURSEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH COUN-
3 SELORS UNDER TRICARE.—

4 (1) REIMBURSEMENT UNDER TRICARE.—Sec-
5 tion 1079(a)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (A) by inserting “or licensed or certified
8 mental health counselors” after “certified mar-
9 riage and family therapists” both places it ap-
10 pears; and

11 (B) by inserting “or licensed or certified
12 mental health counselors” after “that the thera-
13 pists”.

14 (2) AUTHORITY TO ASSESS MEDICAL OR PSY-
15 CHOLOGICAL NECESSITY OF SERVICE OR SUPPLY.—
16 Section 1079(a)(13) of such title is amended by in-
17 serting “, licensed or certified mental health coun-

1 selor,” after “certified marriage and family thera-
2 pist”.

3 (b) SERVICES OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS.—

4 (1) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL
5 SERVICES CONTRACTS.—Section 704(c)(2) of the
6 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
7 1995 (Public Law 103-337; 108 Stat. 2799; 10
8 U.S.C. 1091 note) is amended by inserting “mental
9 health counselors,” after “psychologists,”.

10 (2) APPLICABILITY OF LICENSURE REQUIRE-
11 MENT FOR HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS.—Section
12 1094(e)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is
13 amended by inserting “mental health counselor,”
14 after “psychologist,”.

15 (c) REPORTS.—

16 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the
19 implementation of the amendments made by this
20 section.

21 (2) UPDATED REPORT.—Not later than one
22 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
23 Secretary shall submit to Congress an update to the
24 report submitted under paragraph (1).

