

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 399
OFFERED BY MR. RICE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

At the end of the bill, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 SEC. ____ . E-VERIFY MADE PERMANENT AND MANDATORY.

2 (a) MADE PERMANENT.—Section 401(b) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note) is amended by adding before the period at the end of the last sentence the following: “, except that the E-Verify Program described in section 403(a) shall be a permanent program”.

8 (b) MADE MANDATORY.—Section 402 of such Act is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting after “Except as specifically provided in subsection (e)” the following: “or subsection (g)”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(g) MANDATORY PARTICIPATION IN E-VERIFY PROGRAM.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, every person or other entity that hires one or more

1 individuals for employment in the United States
2 shall elect to participate in the E-Verify program de-
3 scribed in section 403(a), and shall comply with the
4 terms and conditions of such an election, including
5 by verifying through the E-Verify program that each
6 such individual is authorized to work in the United
7 States.

8 “(2) PREVIOUSLY HIRED INDIVIDUALS.—Not
9 later than 60 days after the date of the enactment
10 of this subsection, each employer described in para-
11 graph (1) shall use the E-Verify verification system
12 to seek verification of the identity and employment
13 eligibility of any individual employed by the em-
14 ployer whose employment eligibility has not been
15 verified under the E-Verify program.”.

