

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. CARTER OF GEORGIA**

At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_ . REPORT ON IMPACTS OF NORTH ATLANTIC**  
2 **RIGHT WHALE VESSEL SPEED REGULATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Committee on Marine  
5 Transportation System (in this section referred to as the  
6 “Committee”) shall provide to the Committees on Trans-  
7 portation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources of the  
8 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-  
9 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report  
10 providing an analysis on the impact that an interim or  
11 final rule from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
12 ministration that amends, updates, modifies, or replaces  
13 the North Atlantic Right Whale vessel strike reduction  
14 rule under section 224.105 of title 50, Code of Federal  
15 Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of this  
16 Act, will have on the United States Marine Transportation  
17 System.

1 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the report under sub-  
2 section (a), the Committee shall consider the impact on  
3 maritime safety and economic activity, including the im-  
4 pacts of expanding the regulations under section 224.105  
5 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, to include the  
6 following:

7 (1) An expansion of the geographic areas cur-  
8 rently subject to restrictions.

9 (2) A decrease to the minimum length of vessels  
10 subject to speed restrictions.

11 (3) Establishing mandatory speed restrictions  
12 in dynamic management areas where such restric-  
13 tions are currently voluntary.

14 (c) DELAY ON ISSUANCE OF FINAL RULE.—The Ad-  
15 ministrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
16 ministration may not issue an interim or final rule from  
17 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
18 that amends, updates, modifies, or replaces the North At-  
19 lantic Right Whale vessel strike reduction rule under sec-  
20 tion 224.105 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, as  
21 in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, until the  
22 date that is 1 year after the date on which the Committee  
23 submits the report as required under subsection (a).

