

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. FITZPATRICK OF
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Page 335, after line 12, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 833. STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF CONTRACTING WITH**
2 **VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordi-
5 nation with the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-
6 ministration and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall
7 issue a report that includes—

8 (1) a description of the impacts of Department
9 of Defense contracting with small business concerns
10 owned and controlled by veterans and small business
11 concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled
12 veterans on veteran entrepreneurship and veteran
13 unemployment;

14 (2) a description of the effect that increased
15 economic opportunity for veterans has on issues
16 such as veteran suicide and veteran homelessness;
17 and

1 (3) an analysis of the feasibility and expected
2 impacts of the implementation within the Depart-
3 ment of Defense of a contracting program modeled
4 on the program authorized under section 8127 of
5 title 38, United States Code.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) the term “veteran” has the meaning given
8 the term under section 101(2) of title 38, United
9 States Code; and

10 (2) the terms “small business concern owned
11 and controlled by veterans” and “small business
12 concern owned and controlled by service-disabled
13 veterans” have the meanings given such terms under
14 section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
15 632).

