

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17___ . IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING SERVICES FOR**
2 **VETERANS.**

3 (a) INCLUSION OF VETERANS IN HOUSING PLAN-
4 NING.—

5 (1) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLANS.—Section
6 5A(d)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
7 (42 U.S.C. 1437c–1(d)(1)) is amended by striking
8 “and disabled families” and inserting “, disabled
9 families, and veterans (as such term is defined in
10 section 101 of title 38, United States Code)”.

11 (2) COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY
12 STRATEGIES.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 105 of the
14 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Hous-
15 ing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705) is amended—

16 (i) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting
17 “veterans (as such term is defined in sec-
18 tion 101 of title 38, United States Code),”

1 after “acquired immunodeficiency syn-
2 drome,”;

3 (ii) in subsection (b)(20), by striking
4 “and service” and inserting “veterans serv-
5 ice, and other service”; and

6 (iii) in subsection (e)(1), by inserting
7 “veterans (as such term is defined in sec-
8 tion 101 of title 38, United States Code),”
9 after “homeless persons,”.

10 (B) CONSOLIDATED PLANS.—The Sec-
11 retary of Housing and Urban Development
12 shall revise the regulations relating to submis-
13 sion of consolidated plans (described in part 91
14 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations) in ac-
15 cordance with the amendments made by sub-
16 paragraph (A) to require inclusion of appro-
17 priate information relating to veterans and vet-
18 erans service agencies in all such plans.

19 (b) ANNUAL REPORT ON HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO
20 VETERANS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31
22 of each year, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
23 Development shall submit a report on the activities
24 of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-

1 ment relating to veterans during such year to the
2 following:

3 (A) The Committee on Banking, Housing,
4 and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

5 (B) The Committee on Veterans' Affairs of
6 the Senate.

7 (C) The Committee on Appropriations of
8 the Senate.

9 (D) The Committee on Financial Services
10 of the House of Representatives.

11 (E) The Committee on Veterans' Affairs of
12 the House of Representatives.

13 (F) The Committee on Appropriations of
14 the House of Representatives.

15 (G) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

16 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report required under
17 paragraph (1) shall include the following information
18 with respect to the year for which the report is sub-
19 mitted:

20 (A) The number of homeless veterans pro-
21 vided assistance under the program of housing
22 choice vouchers for homeless veterans under
23 section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing
24 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)), the so-
25 cioeconomic characteristics and racial charac-

1 teristics of such homeless veterans, and the
2 number, types, and locations of entities con-
3 tracted under such section to administer the
4 vouchers.

5 (B) The number of homeless veterans pro-
6 vided assistance under the Tribal HUD–VA
7 Supportive Housing Program (commonly known
8 as “HUD–VASH”) authorized by the Consoli-
9 dated and Further Continuing Appropriations
10 Act, 2015 (Public Law 113–235), the socio-
11 economic characteristics and racial characteris-
12 tics of such homeless veterans, and the number,
13 types, and locations of entities contracted under
14 such section to administer the vouchers.

15 (C) A summary description of the special
16 considerations made for veterans under public
17 housing agency plans submitted pursuant to
18 section 5A of the United States Housing Act of
19 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e–1) and under com-
20 prehensive housing affordability strategies sub-
21 mitted pursuant to section 105 of the Cranston-
22 Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42
23 U.S.C. 12705).

24 (D) A description of the activities of the
25 Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs.

1 (E) A description of the efforts of the De-
2 partment of Housing and Urban Development
3 to coordinate the delivery of housing and serv-
4 ices to veterans with other Federal departments
5 and agencies, including the Department of De-
6 fense, Department of Justice, Department of
7 Labor, Department of Health and Human Serv-
8 ices, Department of Veterans Affairs, Inter-
9 agency Council on Homelessness, and the Social
10 Security Administration.

11 (F) The cost to the Department of Hous-
12 ing and Urban Development of administering
13 programs and activities relating to veterans.

14 (G) Any other information that the Sec-
15 retary of Housing and Urban Development con-
16 siders relevant in assessing the programs and
17 activities of the Department of Housing and
18 Urban Development relating to veterans.

19 (3) ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS OF VERY
20 LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—For the first report
22 submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) and every
23 fifth report thereafter, the Secretary of Housing
24 and Urban Development shall—

1 (i) conduct an assessment of the hous-
2 ing needs of very low-income veteran fami-
3 lies; and

4 (ii) shall include in each such report
5 findings regarding such assessment.

6 (B) CONTENT.—Each assessment under
7 this paragraph shall include—

8 (i) a survey of, and direct interviews
9 with, a representative sample of very low-
10 income veteran families to determine past
11 and current—

12 (I) socioeconomic characteristics
13 of such veteran families;

14 (II) barriers to such veteran fam-
15 ilies obtaining safe, quality, and af-
16 fordable housing;

17 (III) levels of homelessness
18 among such veteran families; and

19 (IV) levels and circumstances of,
20 and barriers to, receipt by such vet-
21 eran families of rental housing and
22 homeownership assistance; and

23 (ii) such other information that the
24 Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
25 ment determines, in consultation with the

1 Secretary of Veterans Affairs and national
2 nongovernmental organizations concerned
3 with veterans, homelessness, and very low-
4 income housing, may be useful to the as-
5 sessment.

6 (C) CONDUCT.—If the Secretary of Hous-
7 ing and Urban Development contracts with an
8 entity other than the Department of Housing
9 and Urban Development to conduct the assess-
10 ment under this subsection, such entity shall be
11 a nongovernmental organization determined by
12 the Secretary to have appropriate expertise in
13 quantitative and qualitative social science re-
14 search.

15 (D) FUNDING.—Of any amounts made
16 available pursuant to section 501 of the Hous-
17 ing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12
18 U.S.C. 1701z-1) for programs of research,
19 studies, testing, or demonstration relating to
20 the mission or programs of the Department of
21 Housing and Urban Development for any fiscal
22 year in which an assessment under this para-
23 graph is required pursuant to subparagraph
24 (A), \$1,000,000 shall be available until ex-
25 pended for costs of such assessment.

1 (E) VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAM-
2 ILY.—In this paragraph, the term “very low-in-
3 come veteran family” means a veteran family
4 whose income does not exceed 50 percent of the
5 median income for the area, as determined by
6 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
7 ment with adjustments for smaller and larger
8 families, except that the Secretary may estab-
9 lish an income ceiling higher or lower than 50
10 percent of the median for the area on the basis
11 of the Secretary’s findings that such variations
12 are necessary because of prevailing levels of
13 construction costs or fair market rents (as de-
14 termined under section 8 of the United States
15 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f)).

