

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of title LI of division E, add the following:

1 **SEC. 51___ . INCLUSION OF VETERANS IN HOUSING PLAN-**
2 **NING.**

3 (a) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLANS.—Section
4 5A(d)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
5 U.S.C. 1437e-1(d)(1)) is amended by striking “and dis-
6 abled families” and inserting “, disabled families, and vet-
7 erans (as such term is defined in section 101 of title 38,
8 United States Code)”.

9 (b) COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY
10 STRATEGIES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 105 of the Cran-
12 ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42
13 U.S.C. 12705) is amended—

14 (A) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “vet-
15 erans (as such term is defined in section 101 of
16 title 38, United States Code),” after “acquired
17 immunodeficiency syndrome,”;

1 (B) in subsection (b)(20), by striking “and
2 service” and inserting “veterans service, and
3 other service”; and

4 (C) in subsection (e)(1), by inserting “vet-
5 erans (as such term is defined in section 101 of
6 title 38, United States Code),” after “homeless
7 persons,”.

8 (2) CONSOLIDATED PLANS.—The Secretary of
9 Housing and Urban Development shall revise the
10 regulations relating to submission of consolidated
11 plans (part 91 of title 24, Code of Federal Regula-
12 tions) in accordance with the amendments made by
13 paragraph (1) of this subsection to require inclusion
14 of appropriate information relating to veterans and
15 veterans service agencies in all such plans.

16 **SEC. 51___ . ANNUAL REPORT ON HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO**
17 **VETERANS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31 of
19 each year, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
20 ment shall submit a report on the activities of the Depart-
21 ment of Housing and Urban Development relating to vet-
22 erans during such year to the following:

23 (1) The Committee on Banking, Housing, and
24 Urban Affairs of the Senate.

1 (2) The Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the
2 Senate.

3 (3) The Committee on Appropriations of the
4 Senate.

5 (4) The Committee on Financial Services of the
6 House of Representatives.

7 (5) The Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the
8 House of Representatives.

9 (6) The Committee on Appropriations of the
10 House of Representatives.

11 (7) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

12 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report required under sub-
13 section (a) shall include the following information with re-
14 spect to the year for which the report is submitted:

15 (1) The number of homeless veterans provided
16 assistance under the program of housing choice
17 vouchers for homeless veterans under section
18 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
19 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)), the socioeconomic charac-
20 teristics and racial characteristics of such homeless
21 veterans, and the number, types, and locations of en-
22 tities contracted under such section to administer
23 the vouchers.

24 (2) The number of homeless veterans provided
25 assistance under the Tribal HUD–VA Supportive

1 Housing Program (HUD–VASH) authorized by the
2 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropria-
3 tions Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113–235; 128 Stat. 2733),
4 the socioeconomic characteristics and racial charac-
5 teristics of such homeless veterans, and the number,
6 types, and locations of entities contracted under
7 such section to administer the vouchers.

8 (3) A summary description of the special con-
9 siderations made for veterans under public housing
10 agency plans submitted pursuant to section 5A of
11 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
12 1437e–1) and under comprehensive housing afford-
13 ability strategies submitted pursuant to section 105
14 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Hous-
15 ing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705).

16 (4) A description of the activities of the Special
17 Assistant for Veterans Affairs.

18 (5) A description of the efforts of the Depart-
19 ment of Housing and Urban Development to coordi-
20 nate the delivery of housing and services to veterans
21 with other Federal departments and agencies, in-
22 cluding the Department of Defense, Department of
23 Justice, Department of Labor, Department of
24 Health and Human Services, Department of Vet-

1 erans Affairs, and the Interagency Council on
2 Homelessness.

3 (6) The cost to the Department of Housing and
4 Urban Development of administering the programs
5 and activities relating to veterans.

6 (7) Any other information that the Secretary
7 considers relevant in assessing the programs and ac-
8 tivities of the Department of Housing and Urban
9 Development relating to veterans.

10 (c) ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS OF VERY LOW-
11 INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—For the first report sub-
13 mitted pursuant to subsection (a) and every fifth re-
14 port thereafter, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
15 Development shall—

16 (A) conduct an assessment of the housing
17 needs of very low-income veteran families (as
18 such term is defined in paragraph 5); and

19 (B) shall include in each such report find-
20 ings regarding such assessment.

21 (2) CONTENT.—Each assessment under this
22 subsection shall include—

23 (A) conducting a survey of, and direct
24 interviews with, a representative sample of very
25 low-income veteran families (as such term is de-

1 fined in paragraph 5) to determine past and
2 current—

3 (i) socioeconomic characteristics of
4 such veteran families;

5 (ii) barriers to such veteran families
6 obtaining safe, quality, and affordable
7 housing;

8 (iii) levels of homelessness among
9 such veteran families; and

10 (iv) levels and circumstances of, and
11 barriers to, receipt by such veteran families
12 of rental housing and homeownership as-
13 sistance; and

14 (B) such other information that the Sec-
15 retary determines, in consultation with the Sec-
16 retary of Veterans Affairs and national non-
17 governmental organizations concerned with vet-
18 erans, homelessness, and very low-income hous-
19 ing, may be useful to the assessment.

20 (3) CONDUCT.—If the Secretary contracts with
21 an entity other than the Department of Housing and
22 Urban Development to conduct the assessment
23 under this subsection, such entity shall be a non-
24 governmental organization determined by the Sec-

1 retary to have appropriate expertise in quantitative
2 and qualitative social science research.

3 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
5 retary of Housing and Urban Development, to be
6 available until expended to carry out this subsection,
7 \$1,000,000.

8 (5) VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILY.—The

9 term “very low-income veteran family” means a vet-
10 eran family whose income does not exceed 50 per-
11 cent of the median income for the area, as deter-
12 mined by the Secretary with adjustments for smaller
13 and larger families, except that the Secretary may
14 establish an income ceiling higher or lower than 50
15 percent of the median for the area on the basis of
16 the Secretary’s findings that such variations are nec-
17 essary because of prevailing levels of construction
18 costs or fair market rents (as determined under sec-
19 tion 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
20 U.S.C. 1437f)).

