

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–
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At the end of title LVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. _____. 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. 1437c–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 (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO
17 VETERANS.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 (G) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

12 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report required under
13 paragraph (1) shall include the following information
14 with respect to the year for which the report is sub-
15 mitted:

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

1 (B) The number of homeless veterans pro-
2 vided assistance under the Tribal HUD-VA
3 Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)
4 authorized by the Consolidated and Further
5 Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L.
6 113-235; 128 Stat. 2733) the socioeconomic
7 characteristics and racial characteristics of such
8 homeless veterans, and the number, types, and
9 locations of entities contracted under such sec-
10 tion to administer the vouchers.

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

20 (D) A description of the activities of the
21 Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs.

22 (E) A description of the efforts of the De-
23 partment of Housing and Urban Development
24 to coordinate the delivery of housing and serv-
25 ices to veterans with other Federal departments

1 and agencies, including the Department of De-
2 fense, Department of Justice, Department of
3 Labor, Department of Health and Human Serv-
4 ices, Department of Veterans Affairs, Inter-
5 agency Council on Homelessness, and the Social
6 Security Administration.

7 (F) The cost to the Department of Hous-
8 ing and Urban Development of administering
9 the programs and activities relating to veterans.

10 (G) Any other information that the Sec-
11 retary considers relevant in assessing the pro-
12 grams and activities of the Department of
13 Housing and Urban Development relating to
14 veterans.

15 (d) ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS OF VERY
16 LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—For the first report sub-
18 mitted pursuant to subsection (c) and every fifth re-
19 port thereafter, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
20 Development shall—

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

24 (B) shall include in each such report find-
25 ings regarding such assessment.

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

3 (A) conducting a survey of, and direct
4 interviews with, a representative sample of very
5 low-income veteran families (as such term is de-
6 fined in paragraph (5)) to determine past and
7 current—

8 (i) socioeconomic characteristics of
9 such veteran families;

10 (ii) barriers to such veteran families
11 obtaining safe, quality, and affordable
12 housing;

13 (iii) levels of homelessness among
14 such veteran families; and

15 (iv) levels and circumstances of, and
16 barriers to, receipt by such veteran families
17 of rental housing and homeownership as-
18 sistance; and

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

1 (3) CONDUCT.—If the Secretary contracts with
2 an entity other than the Department of Housing and
3 Urban Development to conduct the assessment
4 under this subsection, such entity shall be a non-
5 governmental organization determined by the Sec-
6 retary to have appropriate expertise in quantitative
7 and qualitative social science research.

8 (4) FUNDING.—Of any amounts made available
9 pursuant to section 501 of the Housing and Urban
10 Development Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 1701z–1) for
11 programs of research, studies, testing, or demonstra-
12 tion relating to the mission or programs of the De-
13 partment of Housing and Urban Development for
14 any fiscal year in which an assessment under this
15 subsection is required pursuant to paragraph (1) of
16 this subsection, \$1,000,000 shall be available until
17 expended for costs of the assessment under this sub-
18 section.

19 (5) VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILY.—The
20 term “very low-income veteran family” means a vet-
21 eran family whose income does not exceed 50 per-
22 cent of the median income for the area, as deter-
23 mined by the Secretary with adjustments for smaller
24 and larger families, except that the Secretary may
25 establish an income ceiling higher or lower than 50

1 percent of the median for the area on the basis of
2 the Secretary's findings that such variations are nec-
3 essary because of prevailing levels of construction
4 costs or fair market rents (as determined under sec-
5 tion 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
6 U.S.C. 1437f)).

