

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title VII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 707. BURN PIT REGISTRY UPDATES.**

2 (a) INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO UPDATE.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5 retary of Veterans Affairs shall take actions nec-  
6 essary to ensure that the burn pit registry may be  
7 updated with the cause of death of a deceased reg-  
8 istered individual by—

9 (A) an individual designated by such de-  
10 ceased registered individual; or

11 (B) if no such individual is designated, an  
12 immediate family member of such deceased reg-  
13 istered individual.

14 (2) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall pro-  
15 vide, with respect to the burn pit registry, a process  
16 by which a registered individual may make a des-  
17 ignation for purposes of paragraph (1)(A).

18 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) The term “burn pit registry” means the  
2 registry established under section 201 of the Dig-  
3 nified Burial and Other Veterans’ Benefits Improve-  
4 ment Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–260; 38 U.S.C.  
5 527 note).

6           (2) The term “immediate family member”, with  
7 respect to a deceased individual, means—

8           (A) the spouse, parent, brother, sister, or  
9 adult child of the individual;

10          (B) an adult person to whom the indi-  
11 vidual stands in loco parentis; or

12          (C) any other adult person—

13           (i) living in the household of the indi-  
14 vidual at the time of the death of the indi-  
15 vidual; and

16           (ii) related to the individual by blood  
17 or marriage.

18          (3) The term “registered individual” means an  
19 individual registered with the burn pit registry.

