

AMENDMENT TO DIVISION E OF RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-12 (INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS DIVISION)

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At the end of division E (before the short title), insert the following:

1 DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT INDIVIDUALS TO
2 FEDERAL FIREFIGHTING AND FIREFIGHTING SUPPORT
3 PORT POSITIONS IN THE FOREST SERVICE OR THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

5 SEC. _____. (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 96 of title 5,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 **“§ 9603. Direct hire authority to appoint individuals**
9 **to Federal firefighting and firefighting**
10 **support positions in Forest Service and**
11 **Department of the Interior**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
13 and the Secretary of Interior may appoint, without regard
14 to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 (other than
15 sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter), qualified candidates
16 to any position described in subsection (b) in the

1 Forest Service or the Department of the Interior, respec-
2 tively.

3 “(b) POSITIONS.—A position described in this sub-
4 section is any Federal wildland and structural firefighting
5 position, or any position in support of such firefighting
6 position, within any of the following occupational series
7 (or any successor series):

8 “(1) Forestry Technician Series, GS–0462.

9 “(2) Aircraft Operation Series, GS–2181.

10 “(3) Miscellaneous Administration and Pro-
11 gram Series, GS–0301.

12 “(4) General Natural Resources Management
13 and Biological Sciences Series, GS–0401.

14 “(5) Aviation Management Specialist Series,
15 GS–2101.

16 “(6) Engineering Equipment Operator, WG–
17 5716.

18 “(7) Dispatching Series, GS–2151.

19 “(8) Equipment Specialist, GS–1670.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 for such chapter is amended by adding after the item re-
22 lating to section 9602 the following:

“9603. Direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal firefighting and
firefighting support positions in Forest Service and Depart-
ment of the Interior.”.

