

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of the bill add the following:

1 **SEC. 3. PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTERS FROM TOXIC**
2 **CHEMICALS AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
5 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
6 Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and
7 the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
8 sions of the Senate a report that evaluates the health and
9 safety impacts on employees engaged in fire protection ac-
10 tivities that result from the employees' exposure to toxic
11 chemicals and other contaminants that could cause human
12 health problems. The report may include information on—

13 (1) the degree to which such programs and poli-
14 cies include consideration of the possibility of toxic
15 exposure of such employees who may come into con-
16 tact with residue from fibers, combusted building
17 materials such as asbestos, household chemicals,
18 polymers, flame-retardant chemicals, and other po-
19 tentially toxic contaminants;

1 (2) the availability and proper maintenance of
2 professional protective equipment and secure storage
3 of such equipment in employees' homes and auto-
4 motive vehicles;

5 (3) the availability of home instructions for em-
6 ployees regarding toxins and contaminants, and the
7 appropriate procedures to counteract exposure to
8 same;

9 (4) the employees' interests in protecting the
10 health and safety of family members from exposure
11 to toxic chemicals and other contaminants to which
12 the employees may have been exposed; and

13 (5) other related factors.

14 (b) CONTEXT.—In preparing the report required
15 under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the
16 United States may, as appropriate, provide information in
17 a format that delineates high risk urban areas from rural
18 communities.

19 (c) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CONSIDERATION.—
20 After issuance of the report required under subsection (a),
21 the Secretary of Labor shall consider such report's find-
22 ings and assess its applicability for purposes of the amend-
23 ments made by section 2.

