

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of title LIV of division E the following:

1 SEC. 54 ____. STUDY AND REPORT ON HOUSING DESIGN.

2 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban
3 Development, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Sec-
4 retary of Health and Human Services shall jointly conduct
5 a study to identify improved home and housing design fea-
6 tures and improved design features in nursing homes and
7 assisted living facilities that can help prevent and protect
8 against the spread of infection by communicable diseases,
9 including the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and
10 how such design features could be incorporated under
11 housing assistance and mortgage insurance programs of
12 the Department of Housing and Urban Development and
13 the Department of Agriculture. The study shall consider
14 any advantages that might result from updated or im-
15 proved heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems,
16 installation of hands-free sinks, incorporation of outdoor
17 space, redesign and re-use of existing space, and other de-
18 sign features and shall consider design features specific

1 to housing for particular populations, including elderly
2 persons, persons with disabilities, and homeless persons,
3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of the
4 6-month period beginning on the date of the enactment
5 of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
6 ment, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of
7 Health and Human Services shall jointly submit to the
8 Congress a report describing the study conducted pursu-
9 ant to subsection (a) and setting forth the findings and
10 conclusions of the study, including any recommendations
11 regarding improved home and housing design, improved
12 design features in nursing homes and assisted living facili-
13 ties, and implementation of such recommendations.

