

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of subtitle B of title VI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6___. REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OF LONG COM-**
2 **MUTES FOR MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO REMOTE**
3 **OR ISOLATED INSTALLATIONS IN AREAS**
4 **WITHOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

5 Section 453 of title 37, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(j) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OF LONG COM-
9 MUTES FOR MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO REMOTE OR ISO-
10 LATED INSTALLATIONS IN AREAS WITHOUT AFFORDABLE
11 HOUSING.—(1) The Secretary concerned may reimburse
12 a member of the armed forces described in paragraph (2)
13 for the costs described in paragraph (3).

14 “(2) A member is described in this paragraph if—
15 “(A) the duty station of the member is a re-
16 mote or isolated installation (as defined in section
17 4705 of title 10);

1 “(B) the member lives more than 30 miles, or
2 has a commute of longer than one hour, from the
3 member’s residence to the member’s duty station;
4 and

5 “(C) the member is unable to live closer to that
6 duty station because of a lack of affordable housing
7 and essential services near the duty station.

8 “(3) The costs described in this paragraph are—

9 “(A)(i) the average cost of fuel for the distance
10 the member travels from the member’s residence to
11 the member’s duty location; and

12 “(ii) a percentage, to be determined by the Sec-
13 retary of Defense, of costs associated with mainte-
14 nance and wear-and-tear on the vehicle of the mem-
15 ber as a result of commuting; or

16 “(B) if available, the cost of taking public
17 transportation from the member’s residence to the
18 member’s duty location.

19 “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall establish guide-
20 lines for administering this subsection, including guide-
21 lines with respect to—

22 “(A) how a member can apply for reimburse-
23 ment under this subsection; and

24 “(B) verification of—

1 “(i) the distance a member travels from
2 the member’s residence to the member’s duty
3 location, which may be accomplished through a
4 combination of housing records and tools for
5 measuring distance using the Global Positioning
6 System; and

7 “(ii) the lack of affordable housing and es-
8 sential services near the member’s duty sta-
9 tion.”.

