

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-13
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Add at the end of title LX the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . VETERAN COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**
2 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 81 of title 38,
4 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section
5 8117 the following new section:

6 **“§ 8117A. Veteran community infrastructure pilot**
7 **program**

8 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
9 may make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and
10 supplement funds available under Federal programs ad-
11 ministered by agencies other than the Department of Vet-
12 erans Affairs to assist State and local governments to ad-
13 dress deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive
14 of medical facilities if the Secretary determines that such
15 assistance will enhance the resilience of the medical facil-
16 ity or the quality of life of veterans eligible to receive care
17 at such medical facility.

18 “(b) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall establish cri-
19 teria for the selection of community infrastructure proj-

1 ects to receive assistance under subsection (a). The cri-
2 teria shall include a preference toward medical facilities
3 in areas with large veteran populations or areas experi-
4 encing high rates of growth in the veteran population.

5 “(c) FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated or otherwise
6 made available for assistance under subsection (a) may re-
7 main available until expended.

8 “(d) TERMINATION.—The authority under this sec-
9 tion shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the
10 date of the enactment of this section.

11 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) The term ‘community infrastructure’
13 means any—

14 “(A) transportation project;

15 “(B) flood or natural disaster mitigation
16 project;

17 “(C) hospital, police, fire, emergency re-
18 sponse, or other community support facility; or

19 “(D) water, waste-water, telecommunica-
20 tions, electric, gas, or other utility infrastruc-
21 ture project that is owned by a State or local
22 government.

23 “(2) The term ‘medical facility’ has the mean-
24 ing given in section 8101 of this title.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
3 after the item relating to section 8117 the following new
4 item:

“8117A. Veteran community infrastructure pilot program.”.

