

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of part I of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12010. AMENDMENTS TO THE WILD FREE-ROAMING**
2 **HORSES AND BURROS ACT.**

3 Section 3(b)(2) of the Act commonly known as the
4 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (16 U.S.C.
5 1333(b)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through
7 (C) as subparagraphs (B) through (D), respectively;
8 and

9 (2) by inserting before subparagraph (B), as so
10 redesignated, the following:

11 “(A) The Secretary of Agriculture shall
12 implement humane, reversible, non-surgical,
13 medically safe on-range immunocontraceptive
14 vaccine fertility controls to manage populations
15 of wild free-roaming horses and burros on For-
16 est Service lands. In implementing such fertility
17 controls, the Secretary of Agriculture, through
18 the Forest Service, shall prioritize the recruit-

1 ment of military veterans to train and become
2 certified in the application of fertility controls
3 with respect to wild free-roaming horses and
4 burros, including the certified PZP applicator
5 certification offered by the Science and Con-
6 servation Center's Certification Program. The
7 Secretary of Agriculture shall provide appro-
8 priate compensation to military veterans par-
9 ticipating in such a certification program. Not-
10 withstanding any other provision of law, the
11 Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to con-
12 tract with military veterans who have completed
13 the training program under this subparagraph
14 to carry out management activities under this
15 Act. Individuals contracted with pursuant to
16 this subparagraph shall not be regarded as offi-
17 cers or employees of the United States on the
18 basis of such contract.”.

