

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

At the end of subtitle D of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . LOCAL AGRICULTURE MARKET PROGRAM**
2 **GRANTS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING AND**
3 **FISH PROCESSING BUSINESSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) FARMERS' MARKETS AND LOCAL FOOD PRO-
6 MOTION PROGRAM.—Section 210A(d)(6) of the Agri-
7 cultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.
8 1627c(d)(6)) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

10 “(F) ELIGIBILITY OF WILD-CAUGHT FISH
11 AND SHELLFISH.—For purposes of this para-
12 graph—

13 “(i) an agricultural commodity or
14 product described in subsection (a)(12)
15 shall include fish (as defined in section
16 2101 of title 46, United States Code) that
17 is caught, taken, or harvested from the
18 wild; and

1 “(ii) the eligible activities described in
2 paragraph (2) shall include domestic sea-
3 food marketing.”.

4 (2) WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRE-
5 MENTS.—Section 210A(i) of such Act (7 U.S.C.
6 1627e(i)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(4) WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRE-
9 MENTS.—The Secretary may waive a requirement
10 for a recipient of a grant under this section to pro-
11 vide matching funds, or reduce the amount of
12 matching funds required to be provided, if the re-
13 cipient is engaged in commercial fishing or fish proc-
14 essing (as those terms are defined in section 343(a)
15 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
16 Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a))).”.

17 (b) IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
20 shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure
21 the successful and effective integration of individuals
22 and entities in the commercial fishing industry, in-
23 cluding those engaged in commercial fishing or fish
24 processing (as those terms are defined in section
25 343(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-

1 opment Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a))), into the program
2 of the Department for which those individuals and
3 entities are made eligible under the amendments
4 made by this section.

5 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE.—
6 In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

7 (A) provide outreach and technical assist-
8 ance to participants in the commercial fishing
9 industry, including through cooperative agree-
10 ments and public-private and other partner-
11 ships, to promote awareness of and access to
12 relevant programs;

13 (B) provide guidance and training to rel-
14 evant agency personnel of the Department, in-
15 cluding through cooperative agreements and
16 public-private and other partnerships, to ensure
17 program services are effectively delivered to the
18 commercial fishing industry; and

19 (C) coordinate, as appropriate, with the
20 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-
21 tion and other relevant Federal and State agen-
22 cies to implement the amendments made by this
23 section.

