

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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At the end of subtitle E of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 1742. TREATMENT OF BUSINESSES OWNED BY SUR-**
2 **VIVING SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF THE**
3 **ARMED FORCES FOR PURPOSES OF DEPART-**
4 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CONTRACTING**
5 **GOALS AND PREFERENCES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8127 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsections (h) through (k)
9 as subsections (i) through (l), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
11 lowing new subsection (h):

12 “(h) TREATMENT OF BUSINESSES AFTER DEATH OF
13 MEMBER.—(1) If a member of the Armed Forces is killed
14 in the line of duty in the active military, naval, or air serv-
15 ice, the surviving spouse of such member who acquires
16 ownership rights in a small business concern shall, for the
17 period described in paragraph (2), be treated as the sur-
18 viving spouse of a service-disabled veteran described in

1 section 3(q)(2)(C)(i) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
2 632(q)(2)(C)(i)).

3 “(2) The period referred to in paragraph (1) is the
4 period beginning on the date on which the member of the
5 Armed Forces dies and ending on the earliest of the fol-
6 lowing dates:

7 “(A) The date on which the surviving spouse of
8 the member remarries.

9 “(B) The date on which the surviving spouse
10 relinquishes such ownership interest in the small
11 business concern.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (h) of section
13 8127 of such title, as added by subsection (a), shall take
14 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall
15 apply with respect to the deaths of members of the Armed
16 Forces occurring on or after such date.

