

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MR. MICHAUD OF MAINE**

Page 151, after line 7, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1304. STUDY AND REPORT ON COST-EFFECTIVE ROAD-**
2 **WAY SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVE-**
3 **MENTS ON HIGH-RISK RURAL ROADS.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
6 a study of best practices for implementing cost-effec-
7 tive roadway safety infrastructure improvements on
8 high-risk rural roads.

9 (2) METHODS FOR CONDUCTING STUDY.—In
10 carrying out the study, the Secretary shall—

11 (A) review literature of current practices;

12 (B) survey current practices of State de-
13 partments of transportation; and

14 (C) survey current practices of units of
15 local government as appropriate.

16 (3) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the study,
17 the Secretary shall consult with—

1 (A) State departments of transportation,
2 county engineers, and public works profes-
3 sionals;

4 (B) appropriate local officials; and

5 (C) appropriate individuals in the private
6 sector with expertise in the field of roadway
7 safety infrastructure.

8 (b) REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
11 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
12 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
13 and the Committee on Environment and Public
14 Works of the Senate a report on the results of the
15 study conducted under subsection (a).

16 (2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include—

17 (A) a summary of cost-effective roadway
18 safety infrastructure improvements;

19 (B) a summary of the latest research on fi-
20 nancial savings and reduction in fatalities and
21 serious bodily injury crashes from the imple-
22 mentation of cost-effective roadway safety infra-
23 structure improvements; and

24 (C) recommendations for States and local
25 governments on best practice methods to install

1 cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure im-
2 provements on high-risk rural roads.

3 (c) MANUAL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Based on the results of the
5 study conducted under subsection (a), the Secretary
6 shall develop a manual to support Federal, State,
7 and local efforts to reduce fatalities and serious bod-
8 ily injury crashes on high-risk rural roads through
9 the use of best practices for implementing cost-effec-
10 tive roadway safety infrastructure improvements on
11 high-risk rural roads.

12 (2) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make
13 the manual available to States and local govern-
14 ments not later than 180 days after the date of sub-
15 mission of the report under subsection (b).

