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Add at the end of title XVIII of division A the following:

SEC. 18. UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide a housing allowance to any Federal wildland firefighter deployed at a location more than 50 miles from their primary residence. Such allowance shall be in an amount determined appropriate by the Secretaries and adjusted based on the cost of housing in the area of deployment.

(b) WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER DEFINED.—In this Act, the term “wildland firefighter” means any temporary, seasonal, or permanent position at the Department of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior, or Tribal Firefighters, that maintains group, emergency incident management, or fire qualifications, as established annually by the Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications.
published by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, and primarily engages in or supports wildland fire management activities, including forestry and rangeland technicians and positions concerning aviation, engineering heavy equipment operations, dispatch, training, development and technology, or fire and fuels management.