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At the appropriate place in division E, insert:

SECTION ___. 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 hired 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) Federal Wildland Firefighter Defined.—In this Act, the term “Federal wildland firefighter” means any temporary, seasonal, or permanent position at the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Interior that maintains group, emergency incident management, or fire qualifications and primarily engages in or supports wildland fire management activities, including forestry and rangeland technicians and positions concerning avia-
tion, fire heavy equipment operations, emergency dispatch

communication services, or fire and fuels management.