

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17___ . DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PRO-**
2 **GRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO CERTAIN**
3 **SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VETERANS TO PAY**
4 **FOR HOUSING.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs shall establish a program to provide grants
8 to eligible surviving spouses to pay for housing.

9 (b) **APPLICATIONS.**—An eligible surviving spouse de-
10 siring a grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-
11 retary an application in such form and containing such
12 information and assurances as the Secretary determines
13 appropriate.

14 (c) **PRIORITY.**—In making grants under this section,
15 the Secretary shall give priority to eligible surviving
16 spouses on the basis of need.

17 (d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary

1 \$250,000,000 for fiscal years 2025 through 2029 to carry
2 out this section.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The terms “dependency and indemnity com-
5 pensation” and “surviving spouse” have the mean-
6 ings given such terms in section 101 of title 38,
7 United States Code.

8 (2) The term “disabled veteran” has the mean-
9 ing given such term in section 3741 of such title.

10 (3) The term “eligible surviving spouse” means
11 a surviving spouse—

12 (A) of a disabled veteran; and

13 (B) who is in receipt of dependency and in-
14 demnity compensation.

