

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the end of title LIII of division E of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 5306. AQUA ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM PILOT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 2 years after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the
5 Coast Guard shall, subject to the availability of appropria-
6 tions, establish a pilot program to improve the issuance
7 of alerts to facilitate cooperation with the public to render
8 aid to distressed individuals under section 521 of title 14,
9 United States Code.

10 (b) **PILOT PROGRAM CONTENTS.**—The pilot program
11 established under subsection (a) shall, to the maximum
12 extent possible—

13 (1) include a voluntary opt-in program under
14 which members of the public may receive notifica-
15 tions on cellular devices regarding Coast Guard ac-
16 tivities to render aid to distressed individuals under
17 section 521 of title 14, United States Code;

1 (2) cover areas located within the area of re-
2 sponsibility of 3 different Coast Guard sectors in di-
3 verse geographic regions; and

4 (3) provide that the dissemination of an alert
5 be limited to the geographic areas most likely to fa-
6 cilitate the rendering of aide to distressed individ-
7 uals.

8 (c) CONSULTATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES,
9 STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—
10 In developing the pilot program under subsection (a), the
11 Commandant shall consult any relevant Federal agency,
12 State, Territory, Tribal government, possession, or polit-
13 ical subdivision.

14 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
16 thereafter through 2026, the Commandant shall submit
17 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
18 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
19 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate,
20 and make available to the public, a report on the imple-
21 mentation of this Act.

22 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
24 appropriated to carry out this Act \$3,000,000 to the

1 Commandant for each of fiscal years 2023 through
2 2026.

3 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
4 priated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall remain
5 available until expended.

