

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54**  
**OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle G of title V, insert the following:

**1 SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . OUTREACH TO MEMBERS REGARDING POSSIBLE**  
**2 TOXIC EXPOSURE.**

**3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after  
**4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of**  
**5 Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans**  
**6 Affairs, shall establish—**

**7 (1) a new risk assessment for toxic exposure for**  
**8 members of the Armed Forces assigned to work near**  
**9 burn pits; and**

**10 (2) an outreach program to inform such mem-**  
**11 bers regarding such toxic exposure. Such program**  
**12 shall include information regarding benefits and sup-**  
**13 port programs furnished by the Secretary (including**  
**14 eligibility requirements and timelines) regarding**  
**15 toxic exposure.**

**16 (b) PROMOTION.**—The Secretary shall promote the  
**17 program to members described in subsection (a) by direct**  
**18 mail, email, text messaging, and social media.**

1           (c) PUBLICATION.—Not later than one year after the  
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pub-  
3 lish on a website of the Department of Defense a list of  
4 resources furnished by the Secretary for—

5           (1) members and veterans who experienced  
6 toxic exposure in the course of serving as a member  
7 of the Armed Forces;

8           (2) dependents and caregivers of such members  
9 and veterans; and

10           (3) survivors of such members and veterans  
11 who receive death benefits under laws administered  
12 by the Secretary.

13           (d) TOXIC EXPOSURE DEFINED.—In this section, the  
14 term “toxic exposure” has the meaning given such term  
15 in section 631 of the Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal  
16 Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of  
17 2016 (Public Law 114–315; 38 U.S.C. 1116 note).

