

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title XVIII,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 18___ . AMENDMENTS TO THE REQUIREMENT TO RE-**
2 **MAIN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(d)(7) of Public Law
4 94–241 (48 U.S.C. 1806(d)(7)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
7 striking “subparagraph (B)” and all that fol-
8 lows through “a permit for” and inserting
9 “subparagraphs (B) and (C), a permit for”;

10 (B) by striking “(I) shall” and inserting
11 the following:

12 “(i) shall”;

13 (C) by striking “(II) may be renewed” and
14 inserting the following:

15 “(ii) may be renewed”;

16 (D) by striking “periods; and” and insert-
17 ing “periods, except that an alien may be eligi-

1 ble for an additional permit for such period if
2 at any time after the expiration of the first re-
3 newal period and prior to application for such
4 permit, the alien has remained outside the
5 United States for a continuous period of at
6 least 30 days.”; and

7 (E) by striking clause (ii); and
8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(C) DEFERRAL.—

10 “(i) MANDATORY DEFERRAL.—The
11 Secretary of Homeland Security shall defer
12 the requirement to remain outside of the
13 United States until October 1, 2026.

14 “(ii) DISCRETIONARY DEFERRAL.—
15 The Secretary of Homeland Security may
16 defer this requirement during or in connec-
17 tion with—

18 “(I) a presidentially declared
19 major disaster or emergency under
20 section 401 or 501 of the Robert T.
21 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
22 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170
23 or 5191); or

24 “(II) a presidentially declared na-
25 tional emergency under section 201 of

1 the National Emergencies Act (50
2 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
5 ment of Public Law 115–218.

