Amendment to Rules Committee Print 118–10

Offered by Mr. Sablan of Northern Mariana Islands

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

SEC. 18. AMENDMENTS TO THE REQUIREMENT TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

(a) In General.—Section 6(d)(7) of Public Law 94–241 (48 U.S.C. 1806(d)(7)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “subparagraph (B)” and all that follows through “a permit for” and inserting “subparagraphs (B) and (C), a permit for”; 

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

“(i) shall”;

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

“(ii) may be renewed”; 

(D) by striking “periods; and” and inserting “periods, except that an alien may be eligi-
ble for an additional permit for such period if at any time after the expiration of the first re-
newal period and prior to application for such permit, the alien has remained outside the
United States for a continuous period of at least 30 days.”; and

(E) by striking clause (ii); and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) DEFERRAL.—

“(i) MANDATORY DEFERRAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall defer the require
ment to remain outside of the United States until October 1, 2026.

“(ii) DISCRETIONARY DEFERRAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may defer this require
ment during or in connec-
tion with—

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

“(II) a presidentially declared na-
tional emergency under section 201 of
the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of Public Law 115–218.