

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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Insert the following at the end of title XII:

1 **SEC. XX. HONEY STANDARDS AND DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 203(h)(6) of the Agricultural Marketing Act
3 of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(h)(6)) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(A) Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of enactment of this subparagraph, the
7 Secretary shall initiate consultation with the
8 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Adminis-
9 tration and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
10 and Border Protection to develop a detailed and
11 harmonized Federal definition for honey that
12 promotes honesty and fair dealing in the inter-
13 est of consumers and the honey market, and en-
14 sures consistency in labeling and enforcement
15 under the respective authorities of each agency.

16 “(B) The consultation required under sub-
17 paragraph (A) shall be conducted in coordina-
18 tion with domestic honey producer associations
19 and land-grant colleges and universities (as de-

1 fined in section 1404 of the National Agricul-
2 tural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy
3 Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) with dem-
4 onstrated expertise in honey authenticity, qual-
5 ity, and related testing.

6 “(C) The harmonized definition developed
7 under this paragraph shall be used, as appro-
8 priate, to support enforcement under applicable
9 Federal law administered by the Secretary, the
10 Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and the
11 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border
12 Protection, including laws relating to adultera-
13 tion, misbranding, false or misleading labeling,
14 import declarations, country-of-origin claims,
15 and customs fraud.

16 “(D) The Secretary shall cease consulta-
17 tion under this paragraph if the Commissioner
18 of the Food and Drug Administration otherwise
19 publishes a standard of identity for honey
20 under section 401 of the Federal Food, Drug,
21 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 341).”.

