

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–11**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TORRES OF NEW YORK**

At the end of subtitle A of title V, add the following:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . LITHIUM BATTERY SAFETY WORKING GROUP.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-  
4 tation (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall  
5 establish a lithium battery safety working group (referred  
6 to in this section as the “working group”) to promote and  
7 coordinate efforts related to the promotion of the safe im-  
8 portation, manufacture, use, and transportation of lithium  
9 batteries and cells.

10 (b) DUTIES.—The working group shall coordinate  
11 and facilitate the transfer of knowledge and expertise  
12 among the following Federal agencies:

13 (1) The Department of Transportation.

14 (2) The Consumer Product Safety Commission.

15 (3) The National Institute on Standards and  
16 Technology.

17 (4) The Food and Drug Administration.

18 (5) U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

19 (6) The Environmental Protection Agency.

1 (7) The Department of Defense.

2 (8) The Department of Energy.

3 (9) The Occupational Safety and Health Ad-  
4 ministration.

5 (c) MEMBERS.—The Secretary shall appoint not  
6 more than 10 members to the working group. Such mem-  
7 bers shall have expertise in the safe importation, manufac-  
8 ture, use, or transportation of lithium batteries and cells.

9 (d) SUBCOMMITTEES.—The Secretary, or members of  
10 the working group, may—

11 (1) establish working group subcommittees to  
12 focus on specific issues related to the safe importa-  
13 tion, manufacture, use, or transportation of lithium  
14 batteries and cells;

15 (2) establish working group subcommittees for  
16 specific products using lithium batteries and cells  
17 that pose an ongoing risk of fires and explosions, in-  
18 cluding electric bicycles, electric scooters, and  
19 hoverboards; and

20 (3) include in a subcommittee the participation  
21 of nonmember stakeholders with expertise in areas  
22 that the Secretary or members consider necessary.

23 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
24 it is established, and annually thereafter, the working  
25 group shall—

1 (1) identify and assess—

2 (A) additional ways to decrease the risk of  
3 fires and explosions from lithium batteries and  
4 cells;

5 (B) additional ways to ensure uniform  
6 transportation requirements for both bulk and  
7 individual batteries;

8 (C) new or existing technologies that may  
9 reduce the fire and explosion risk of lithium  
10 batteries and cells; and

11 (D) additional resource needs to address  
12 subparagraphs (A) through (C); and

13 (2) transmit to the appropriate committees of  
14 Congress a report on the assessments conducted  
15 under paragraph (1), including any legislative rec-  
16 ommendations to effectuate the safety improvements  
17 described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of that  
18 paragraph.

19 (f) TERMINATION.—The working group, and any  
20 working group subcommittees, shall terminate on the date  
21 that is 6 years after the date on which the working group  
22 is established.

