

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–

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At the end of subtitle C of title XV add the following:

1 **SEC. 15__ . CYBER OPERATIONS-PECULIAR AWARDS.**

2 Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
3 ed by inserting after section 1124 the following new sec-
4 tion:

5 **“§ 1124a. Cyber operations-peculiar awards**

6 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense and the
7 Secretaries of the military departments may authorize the
8 payment of a cash award to, and incur necessary expense
9 for the honorary recognition of, a member of the covered
10 armed forces whose novel actions, invention, or technical
11 achievement enables or ensures operational outcomes in
12 or through cyberspace against threats to national security.

13 “(b) **ACTIONS DURING SERVICE.**—An award under
14 this section may be paid notwithstanding the member’s
15 death, separation, or retirement from the covered armed
16 forces. However, the novel action, invention, or technical
17 achievement forming the basis for the award must have
18 been made while the member was on active duty or in an

1 active reserve status and not otherwise eligible for an
2 award under chapter 45 of title 5.

3 “(c) PAYMENT.—Awards to, and expenses for the
4 honorary recognition of, members of the covered armed
5 forces under this section may be paid from—

6 “(1) the funds or appropriations available to
7 the activity primarily benefiting from the novel ac-
8 tion, invention, or technical achievement; or

9 “(2) the several funds or appropriations of the
10 various activities benefiting from the novel action,
11 invention, or technical achievement.

12 “(d) AMOUNTS.—The total amount of the award, or
13 awards, made under this section for a novel action, inven-
14 tion, or technical achievement may not exceed \$2,500, re-
15 gardless of the number of persons who may be entitled
16 to share therein.

17 “(e) REGULATIONS.—Awards under this section shall
18 be made under regulations to be prescribed by the Sec-
19 retary of Defense or by the Secretaries of the military de-
20 partments.

21 “(f) COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.—In this
22 section, the term ‘covered armed forces’ means the Army,
23 Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.”.

