

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle D of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5___.** **ANTI-HAZING POLICY REQUIRED FOR THE**
2 **ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.**—The Secretary
4 concerned (as defined in section 101(a)(9) of title 10,
5 United States Code) shall develop and implement a policy
6 to prevent and respond to incidents of hazing involving
7 members of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of
8 that Secretary.

9 (b) **HAZING DESCRIBED.**—For purposes of carrying
10 out this section, the Secretary of Defense (and the Sec-
11 retary of the Department in which the Coast Guard oper-
12 ates) shall use the definition of hazing contained in the
13 August 28, 1997, Secretary of Defense Policy Memo-
14 randum, which defined hazing as any conduct whereby a
15 member of the Armed Forces, regardless of branch or
16 rank, without proper authority causes another member to
17 suffer, or be exposed to, any activity which is cruel, abu-
18 sive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. So-

1 liciting or coercing another person to perpetrate any such
2 activity is also considered hazing. Hazing need not involve
3 physical contact among or between members of the Armed
4 Forces. Hazing can be verbal or psychological in nature.
5 Actual or implied consent to acts of hazing does not elimi-
6 nate the culpability of the perpetrator.

