

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 5278
OFFERED BY MR. DUFFY OF WISCONSIN**

Page 116, after line 10, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 411. EXPANSION OF HUBZONES IN PUERTO RICO.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—

3 (1) Section 3(p)(4)(A) of the Small Business
4 Act (15 U.S.C. 632(p)(4)(A)) is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 “(A) QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACT.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘quali-
8 fied census tract’ has the meaning given
9 that term in section 42(d)(5)(B)(ii) of the
10 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

11 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—For any metro-
12 politan statistical area in the Common-
13 wealth of Puerto Rico, the term ‘qualified
14 census tract’ has the meaning given that
15 term in section 42(d)(5)(B)(ii) of the In-
16 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 as applied
17 without regard to subclause (II) of such
18 section, except that this clause shall only
19 apply—

1 “(I) 10 years after the date that
2 the Administrator implements this
3 clause, or

4 “(II) the date on which the Fi-
5 nancial Oversight and Management
6 Board for the Commonwealth of Puer-
7 to Rico created by the Puerto Rico
8 Oversight, Management, and Eco-
9 nomic Stability Act ceases to exist,
10 whichever event occurs first.”.

11 (2) REGULATIONS.—The Administrator of the
12 Small Business Administration shall issue regula-
13 tions to implement the amendment made by para-
14 graph (1) not later than 90 days after the date of
15 the enactment of this Act.

16 (b) IMPROVING OVERSIGHT.—

17 (1) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 270 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
19 trator of the Small Business Administration shall
20 develop and implement criteria and guidance on
21 using a risk-based approach to requesting and
22 verifying information from entities applying to be
23 designated or recertified as qualified HUBZone
24 small business concerns (as defined in section

1 3(p)(5) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
2 632(p)(5)).

3 (2) ASSESSMENT.—Not later 1 year after the
4 date on which the criteria and guidance described in
5 paragraph (1) is implemented, the Comptroller Gen-
6 eral of the United States shall begin an assessment
7 of such criteria and guidance. Not later than 6
8 months after beginning such an assessment, the
9 Comptroller General shall submit a report to the
10 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
11 of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business
12 of the House of Representatives that includes—

13 (A) an assessment of the criteria and guid-
14 ance issued by the Administrator of the Small
15 Business Administration in accordance with
16 paragraph (1);

17 (B) an assessment of the implementation
18 of the criteria and guidance issued by issued by
19 the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-
20 ministration in accordance with paragraph (1);

21 (C) an assessment as to whether these
22 measures have successfully ensured that only
23 qualified HUBZone small business concerns are
24 participating in the HUBZone program under

1 section 31 of the Small Business Act (15
2 U.S.C. 657a);

3 (D) an assessment as to whether the re-
4 forms made by the criteria and guidance imple-
5 mented under paragraph (1) have resulted in
6 job creation in the Commonwealth of Puerto
7 Rico; and

8 (E) recommendations on how to improve
9 controls in the HUBZone program.

