AMENDMENT NO. ________  Calendar No. ________

Purpose: To require a study on Coast Guard housing authorities and privatized housing.


S. 4802

To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _______ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SULLIVAN

Viz:

1. At the end of subtitle G of title II, add the following:

2. SEC. 288. STUDY ON COAST GUARD HOUSING AUTHORITIES

3. AND PRIVATIZED HOUSING.

4. (a) STUDY.—

5. (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence a study—

6. (A) to evaluate the authorities of the Coast Guard relating to construction, operation, and maintenance of housing provided to members of
the Coast Guard members and their dependents; and

(B) to assess other options to meet Coast Guard housing needs in rural and urban housing markets, including public-private partnerships, long-term lease agreements, privately owned housing, and any other housing option the Comptroller General identifies.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The study required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A review of authorities, regulations, and policies available to the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating (referred to this section as the "Secretary") with respect to construction, maintenance, and operation of housing for members of the Coast Guard and their dependents, including unaccompanied member housing, that considers—

(i) housing that is owned and operated by the Coast Guard;

(ii) long-term leasing or extended-rental housing;

(iii) public-private partnerships or other privatized housing options for which the Secretary may enter into 1 or more
contracts with a private entity to build, maintain, and operate privatized housing for members of the Coast Guard and their dependents;

(iv) on-installation and off-installation housing options, and the availability of, and authorities relating to, such options; and

(v) housing availability near Coast Guard units, readiness needs, and safety.

(B) A review of the housing-related authorities, regulations, and policies available to the Secretary of Defense, and an identification of the differences between such authorities afforded to the Secretary of Defense and the housing-related authorities, regulations, and policies afforded to the Secretary.

(C) A description of lessons learned or recommendations for the Coast Guard based on the use by the Department of Defense of privatized housing, including the recommendations set forth in the report of the Government Accountability Office entitled "Privatized Military Housing: Update on DOD’s Efforts to Ad-
address Oversight Challenges” (GAO–22–105866), issued in March 2022.

(D) An assessment of the extent to which the Secretary has used the authorities provided in subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code.

(E) An analysis of immediate and long-term costs associated with housing owned and operated by the Coast Guard, as compared to opportunities for long-term leases, private housing, and other public-private partnerships in urban and remote locations.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

(e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the report required by subsection (b) is submitted, the Commandant or the Secretary shall provide a briefing to the appropriate committees of Congress on—

(1) the actions the Commandant has, or has not, taken with respect to the results of the study;

(2) a plan for addressing areas identified in the report that present opportunities for improving the
housing options available to members of the Coast
Guard and their dependents; and

(3) the need for, or potential manner of use of,
any authorities the Coast Guard does not have with
respect to housing, as compared to the Department
of Defense.

(d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In
this section, the term “appropriate committees of Con-
gress” means—

(1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Transportation and In-
frastructure of the House of Representatives.