

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.

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

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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
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 Comptroller General of the United States shall com-
8 mence a study—

9 (A) to evaluate the authorities of the Coast
10 Guard relating to construction, operation, and
11 maintenance of housing provided to members of

1 the Coast Guard members and their depend-
2 ents; and

3 (B) to assess other options to meet Coast
4 Guard housing needs in rural and urban hous-
5 ing markets, including public-private partner-
6 ships, long-term lease agreements, privately
7 owned housing, and any other housing option
8 the Comptroller General identifies.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The study required by para-
10 graph (1) shall include the following:

11 (A) A review of authorities, regulations,
12 and policies available to the Secretary of the de-
13 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating
14 (referred to this section as the “Secretary”)
15 with respect to construction, maintenance, and
16 operation of housing for members of the Coast
17 Guard and their dependents, including unac-
18 companied member housing, that considers—

19 (i) housing that is owned and oper-
20 ated by the Coast Guard;

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

23 (iii) public-private partnerships or
24 other privatized housing options for which
25 the Secretary may enter into 1 or more

1 contracts with a private entity to build,
2 maintain, and operate privatized housing
3 for members of the Coast Guard and their
4 dependents;

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

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

11 (B) A review of the housing-related au-
12 thorities, regulations, and policies available to
13 the Secretary of Defense, and an identification
14 of the differences between such authorities af-
15 farded to the Secretary of Defense and the
16 housing-related authorities, regulations, and
17 policies afforded to the Secretary.

18 (C) A description of lessons learned or rec-
19 ommendations for the Coast Guard based on
20 the use by the Department of Defense of
21 privatized housing, including the recommenda-
22 tions set forth in the report of the Government
23 Accountability Office entitled "Privatized Mili-
24 tary Housing: Update on DOD's Efforts to Ad-

1 dress Oversight Challenges” (GAO–22–
2 105866), issued in March 2022.

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

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

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

17 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
18 date on which the report required by subsection (b) is sub-
19 mitted, the Commandant or the Secretary shall provide
20 a briefing to the appropriate committees of Congress on—

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

23 (2) a plan for addressing areas identified in the
24 report that present opportunities for improving the

1 housing options available to members of the Coast
2 Guard and their dependents; and

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

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

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

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