

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA**

At the appropriate place in title XXVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 28** \_\_\_\_ . **PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF MASS TIMBER IN**  
2 **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of each of the mili-  
4 tary departments shall carry out a pilot program to evalu-  
5 ate how the use of mass timber as the primary construc-  
6 tion material in military construction projects affects the  
7 environmental sustainability, infrastructure resilience,  
8 cost effectiveness, and construction timeliness of such  
9 projects. The Secretary of a military department may  
10 carry out a military construction project under the pilot  
11 program using the authorities available to the Secretary  
12 of Defense under section 2914 of title 10, United States  
13 Code, regarding military construction projects for energy  
14 resilience, energy security, and energy conservation.

15 (b) **PROJECT SELECTION AND LOCATION.**—

16 (1) **MINIMUM NUMBER.**—Each Secretary of a  
17 military department shall carry out at least one mili-  
18 tary construction project under the pilot program.

1           (2) PROJECT LOCATIONS.—The pilot program  
2 shall be conducted at military installations in the  
3 United States—

4           (A) that are identified as vulnerable to ex-  
5 tremе weather events; and

6           (B) for which a military construction  
7 project is authorized but a request for proposal  
8 has not been released.

9           (3) MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING.—In  
10 selecting military construction projects for the pilot  
11 program, the Secretaries of the military departments  
12 shall coordinate to ensure that at least one of the  
13 projects involves the construction of military unac-  
14 companied housing.

15       (c) REPORTS.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
18 every 180 days thereafter until December 31, 2025,  
19 the Secretaries of the military departments shall  
20 jointly submit to the congressional defense commit-  
21 tees a report on the progress of the pilot program.

22           (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required under  
23 paragraph (1) shall include each of the following:

1 (A) A description of the status of the mili-  
2 tary construction projects selected to be con-  
3 ducted under the pilot program.

4 (B) An explanation of the reasons for the  
5 selection of such military construction projects.

6 (C) An analysis of the projected or actual  
7 carbon footprint, including stored carbon in  
8 building materials, resilience to extreme weath-  
9 er events, construction timeliness, and cost ef-  
10 fectiveness, of the military construction projects  
11 conducted under the pilot program using mass  
12 timber as compared to other materials histori-  
13 cally used in military construction.

14 (D) Any updated guidance the Under Sec-  
15 retary of Defense for Acquisition and  
16 Sustainment has released in relation to the pro-  
17 curement policy for future military construction  
18 projects based on comparable benefits realized  
19 from use of mass timber, including guidance on  
20 prioritizing sustainable materials in establishing  
21 evaluation criteria for military construction  
22 project contracts when technically feasible.

23 (d) MASS TIMBER DEFINED.—In this section, the  
24 term “mass timber” means any of the following:

25 (1) Cross-laminated timber.

- 1 (2) Nail-laminated timber.
- 2 (3) Glue-laminated timber.
- 3 (4) Laminated strand lumber.
- 4 (5) Laminated veneer lumber,
- 5 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Secretary
- 6 of a military department to carry out a military construc-
- 7 tion project under this section shall expire on September
- 8 30, 2025. Any construction commenced under the pilot
- 9 program before such date may continue until completion.

