

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3548

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2014

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Trauma
3 Care Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA DEFINITION.**

5 (a) REVISED DEFINITION UNDER TRAUMA SYSTEMS
6 GRANTS PROGRAMS.—Paragraph (4) of section 1231 of
7 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–31) is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(4) TRAUMA.—The term ‘trauma’ means an
10 injury resulting from exposure to—

11 “(A) a mechanical force; or

12 “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an
13 extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-
14 ical, or radioactive.”.

15 (b) REVISED DEFINITION UNDER INTERAGENCY
16 PROGRAM FOR TRAUMA RESEARCH.—Paragraph (3) of
17 section 1261(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42
18 U.S.C. 300d–61(h)) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(3) The term ‘trauma’ means an injury result-
20 ing from exposure to—

21 “(A) a mechanical force; or

1 “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an
2 extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-
3 ical, or radioactive.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 24, 2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.