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To include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Mr. LANCE (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. LOEBSACK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Health Care
5 Connectivity Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR SKILLED**
7 **NURSING FACILITIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 254(h)(7)(B) of the Com-
9 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(7)(B)) is
10 amended—

1 (1) in clause (vi), by striking “and” at the end;

2 (2) by redesignating clause (vii) as clause (viii);

3 (3) by inserting after clause (vi) the following:

4 “(vii) skilled nursing facilities;”; and

5 (4) in clause (viii), as redesignated, by striking

6 “clauses (i) through (vi)” and inserting “clauses (i)

7 through (vii)”.

8 (b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in subsection (a)
9 shall be construed to affect the aggregate annual cap on
10 Federal universal service support for health care providers
11 under section 54.675 of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-
12 tions, or any successor regulation.

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