

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7996

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify that utility line technicians qualify as emergency response providers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2026

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. NORCROSS, and Mr. BRESNAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Linemen Legacy Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS.**

6 Section 2(6) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
7 (6 U.S.C. 101(6)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “includes Federal” and inserting
9 “includes—

1 “(A) Federal”;
2 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
3 ing “; and”; and
4 (3) by adding at the end the following:
5 “(B) utility line technicians responding to
6 a major disaster or an emergency declared by
7 the President under section 501 of the Robert
8 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-
9 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191).”.

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