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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. POSHARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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. CHANGE-OF-ADDRESS ORDER INVOLVING A**
4 **COMMERCIAL MAIL RECEIVING AGENCY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter V of chapter 36 of
6 title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

1 **“§ 3686. Change-of-address order involving a commer-**
2 **cial mail receiving agency**

3 “(a) For the purpose of this section, the term ‘com-
4 mercial mail receiving agency’ or ‘CMRA’ means a private
5 business that acts as the mail receiving agent for specific
6 clients.

7 “(b) Upon termination of an agency relationship be-
8 tween an addressee and a commercial mail receiving agen-
9 cy—

10 “(1) the addressee or, if authorized to do so,
11 the CMRA may file a change-of-address order with
12 the Postal Service with respect to such addressee;

13 “(2) a change-of-address order so filed shall, to
14 the extent practicable, be given full force and effect;
15 and

16 “(3) any mail for the addressee that is delivered
17 to the CMRA after the filing of an appropriate order
18 under this subsection shall be subject to subsection
19 (c).

20 “(c) Mail described in subsection (b)(3) shall, if
21 marked for forwarding and remailed by the CMRA, be for-
22 warded by the Postal Service in the same manner as, and
23 subject to the same terms and conditions (including limita-
24 tions on the period of time for which a change-of-address
25 order shall be given effect) as apply to, mail forwarded
26 directly by the Postal Service to the addressee.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of chapter 36 of title 39, United States
3 Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to sec-
4 tion 3685 the following:

“3686. Change-of-address order involving a commercial mail receiving agency.”.

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