

Union Calendar No. 452

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4111

[Report No. 114–582]

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

MAY 23, 2016

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 19, 2015]

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 2016”.*

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—*

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

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

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

14 *“(vii) skilled nursing facilities (as de-*
 15 *fined in section 1819(a) of the Social Secu-*
 16 *rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(a))); and”;* and

17 *(4) in clause (viii), as redesignated, by striking*

18 *“clauses (i) through (vi)” and inserting “clauses (i)*

19 *through (vii)”.*

20 *(b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in subsection (a) shall*
 21 *be construed to affect the aggregate annual cap on Federal*
 22 *universal service support for health care providers under*
 23 *section 54.675 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or*
 24 *any successor regulation.*

1 (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendments made by sub-*
2 *section (a) shall apply beginning on the date that is 180*
3 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

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