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S. 2955

To reform the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process conducted by the
Federal Communications Commission.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2018

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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conducted by the Federal Communications Commission.

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 “Mobile Accuracy and
5 Precision Broadband Act of 2018” or the “MAP
6 Broadband Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. MOBILITY FUND PHASE II CHALLENGE PROCESS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 (1) the term “challenge process” means the
10 process established by the Commission under which

1 a person may challenge the initial determination
 2 that an area is ineligible for Mobility Fund Phase II
 3 support;

4 (2) the term “Commission” means the Federal
 5 Communications Commission;

6 (3) the term “Mobility Fund Phase II” means
 7 the second phase of the proceeding to provide uni-
 8 versal service support from the Mobility Fund (WC
 9 Docket No. 10–90; WT Docket No. 10–208); and

10 (4) the term “Mobility Fund Phase II support”
 11 means universal service support provided under Mo-
 12 bility Fund Phase II.

13 (b) CHALLENGE PROCESS WINDOW.—The Commis-
 14 sion shall extend the period of the challenge process until
 15 November 27, 2018.

16 (c) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF APPROVED
 17 HANDSETS.—The Commission shall publicly disclose each
 18 handset that each mobile wireless service provider has ap-
 19 proved for challengers to use in the challenge process, in
 20 order to assist consumers in exploring potential chal-
 21 lenges.

22 (d) CHALLENGE PROCESS UPDATES.—During the
 23 period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and
 24 ending on the last day of the challenge process, the Com-
 25 mission shall publish online monthly updates on—

1 (1) the number of entities that the Commission
2 has approved to participate in the challenge process
3 as challengers; and

4 (2) the percentage of the total geographic area
5 initially determined to be ineligible for Mobility
6 Fund Phase II support that has been challenged
7 under the challenge process.

8 (e) POST-AUCTION REPORTING.—After the Commis-
9 sion conducts the Mobility Fund Phase II reverse auction,
10 the Commission shall publish online annual updates on
11 whether the deployment of mobile wireless service is being
12 expanded in rural areas due to Mobility Fund Phase II
13 support.

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