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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THUNE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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