

HR 2566

Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		May 21, 2015
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		May 21, 2015
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		May 21, 2015
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 21, 2015
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 21, 2015
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		May 21, 2015
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Oct 9, 2015
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Dec 8, 2015
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Feb 4, 2016
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jul 7, 2016
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Sep 20, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 13, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 827	Identical bill	Nov 28, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 687.
114 S 253	Related bill	Sep 28, 2016: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.

Summary (as of Nov 14, 2016)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require intermediate providers that offer the capability to transmit voice communications and signaling information from one destination to another, and that charge a rate to any other entity (including an affiliated entity) for such a transmission, to: (1) register with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and (2) comply with service quality standards to be established by the FCC.

An "intermediate provider" is an entity that: (1) enters a business arrangement with a long-distance voice service provider that makes the initial call path choice for more than 100,000 domestic retail subscriber lines, or with another intermediate provider, to carry, route, or transmit voice traffic from a call placed from or to an end user connection using a North American Numbering Plan resource; and (2) does not itself (directly or in conjunction with an affiliate) serve as such a long-distance initial call path choice provider in the context of originating or terminating a given call.

The bill prohibits such long-distance providers (including local exchange carriers, interexchange carriers, commercial mobile radio services, interconnected voice over Internet Protocol [VoIP] services, and certain non-interconnected VoIP services) from using an intermediate provider to transmit voice communications and signals unless the intermediate provider is so registered.

The FCC must: (1) ensure the integrity of the transmission of voice communications to all customers in the United States, (2) prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such voice communications, and (3) make a registry of intermediate providers publicly available on the FCC website.

The bill shall not be construed to preempt or expand the authority of a state agency or public utility commission to collect data, or enforce state law and regulations, regarding the completion of intrastate voice communications.

Certain long-distance providers that make initial call path choices are exempt from service quality standards that the FCC is required to establish under this bill if they certify under a safe harbor provision in existing FCC rules that they monitor the performance of, or do not use, intermediate providers.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2016:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 668.
- **Nov 15, 2016:** Received in the Senate.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-805.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 629.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Mr. Burgess moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6127-6129)
- **Nov 14, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2566.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6127-6128)
- **Nov 14, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6127-6128)
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 21, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 20, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 13, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 13, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 22, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **May 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.