

HR 9193

Secure and Affordable Broadband Extension Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jul 30, 2024

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Jul 30, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/9193>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Moylan, James C. [R-GU-At Large]	R · GU		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Kiggans, Jennifer A. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jul 30, 2024
Rescom. González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Aug 2, 2024
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Aug 2, 2024
Rep. Rulli, Michael A. [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Aug 30, 2024
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Aug 30, 2024
Rep. D'Esposito, Anthony [R-NY-4]	R · NY		Sep 9, 2024
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Sep 9, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8709	Related bill	Jun 12, 2024: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Jul 30, 2024)

Secure and Affordable Broadband Extension Act

This bill reauthorizes the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and provides funding for the removal and replacement of certain foreign communications equipment in telecommunications networks. (ACP provided discounted internet service to eligible low-income households until it was terminated in May 2024 due to a lapse in funding.)

Specifically, the bill reauthorizes and provides funding for ACP for FY2024. The bill makes various changes to ACP eligibility thresholds and verification, including by reducing the income threshold for eligibility under the poverty guidelines. Further, the bill requires communications providers offering the ACP benefit to use specified federal databases to verify an applicant's eligibility, removing the existing option to use alternative verification processes. The bill specifies that families made ineligible by these changes must remain eligible for benefits for 180 days following the bill's enactment. The bill also eliminates ACP's one-time consumer subsidy of up to \$100 toward the purchase of a connected device.

The bill also provides additional funding for the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program (commonly known as *rip and replace*). (Under the program, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reimburses providers of advanced communications services for expenses incurred in the removal, replacement, and disposal of communications equipment produced or provided by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation.)

Finally, the bill directs the FCC to reauction licenses for the use of specified electromagnetic spectrum bands primarily used by wireless communications providers.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.