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# H. R. 3750

To provide for the correct treatment of territories and possessions in the health care service supports under the Communications Act of 1934.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Pacific Insular Areas  
5       Rural Telemedicine Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FCC REGULATIONS REQUIRED.**

7       Section 254(h)(1)(A) of the Communications Act of  
8       1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(1)(A)) is amended by adding at  
9       the end the following new sentence: “For the purposes of

1 this subparagraph for American Samoa, the Common-  
2 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam, the  
3 Commission shall by regulation (i) designate Honolulu,  
4 Hawaii, as the urban area that shall be treated as if such  
5 urban area were in the same State as the rural areas of  
6 Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the  
7 Northern Mariana Islands, respectively; (ii) specify that  
8 the maximum allowable distance shall be the distance be-  
9 tween the capital cities of these Pacific insular areas and  
10 Hawaii; and (iii) specify that the urban rate shall be based  
11 on the urban rate for Hawaii.”.

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