

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3218

To remove the limitation on certain amounts for which large non-rural hospitals may be reimbursed under the Healthcare Connect Fund of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ) 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 “Reaching Underserved
5 Rural Areas to Lead on Telehealth Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HEALTHCARE CONNECT FUND.**

7 The Federal Communications Commission shall
8 amend section 54.630 of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-

1 tions, by striking subsections (b) and (c) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(b) PARTICIPATION OF NON-RURAL HEALTH CARE
4 PROVIDER SITES.—An eligible non-rural health care pro-
5 vider may receive universal service support if—

6 “(1) a majority of the locations that the non-
7 rural health care provider serves are in rural areas;
8 and

9 “(2) the eligible non-rural health care provider
10 serves as a Consortium Leader, as described in sec-
11 tion 54.631.”.

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