

## Union Calendar No. 339

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3548

[Report No. 113–458]

To amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

MAY 20, 2014

Additional sponsors: Mr. BURGESS, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. COHEN, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. JENKINS, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas

MAY 20, 2014

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

# **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 “Improving Trauma  
 5 Care Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA DEFINITION.**

7 Paragraph (4) of section 1231 of the Public Health  
 8 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–31) is amended to read as  
 9 follows:

10 “(4) TRAUMA.—The term ‘trauma’ means an  
 11 injury resulting from exposure to—

12 “(A) a mechanical force; or

13 “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an  
 14 extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-  
 15 ical, or radioactive.”.

16 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

17 *This Act may be cited as the “Improving Trauma Care*  
 18 *Act of 2014”.*

19 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA DEFINITION.**

20 (a) *REVISED DEFINITION UNDER TRAUMA SYSTEMS*  
 21 *GRANTS PROGRAMS.—Paragraph (4) of section 1231 of the*  
 22 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–31) is amended*  
 23 *to read as follows:*

24 “(4) TRAUMA.—The term ‘trauma’ means an in-  
 25 jury resulting from exposure to—

1                   “(A) a mechanical force; or

2                   “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an  
3                   extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-  
4                   ical, or radioactive.”.

5           (b) *REVISED DEFINITION UNDER INTERAGENCY PRO-*  
6 *GRAM FOR TRAUMA RESEARCH.—Paragraph (3) of section*  
7 *1261(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d-*  
8 *61(h)) is amended to read as follows:*

9                   “(3) The term ‘trauma’ means an injury result-  
10                  ing from exposure to—

11                   “(A) a mechanical force; or

12                   “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an  
13                   extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-  
14                   ical, or radioactive.”.



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