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# H. R. 1139

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mr. CRAMER 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 “Preserving State Com-  
5 mission Oversight Act of 2017” or the “PSC Oversight  
6 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIFELINE BROADBAND PROVIDERS.**

2 (a) NO FORCE OR EFFECT.—On and after the date  
3 of enactment of this Act, paragraph (j) of section 54.201  
4 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, shall have no  
5 force or effect.

6 (b) REMOVAL FROM RULES.—Not later than 1 year  
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Com-  
8 munications Commission shall amend section 54.201 of  
9 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, by striking para-  
10 graph (j).

11 (c) STATE DUTY TO DESIGNATE ELIGIBLE TELE-  
12 COMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS.—Section 214(e) of the  
13 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 214(e)) is  
14 amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(7) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
16 this Act or in the Telecommunications Act of 1996  
17 (Public Law 104–104; 110 Stat. 56) may be con-  
18 strued as modifying or effectively limiting the juris-  
19 diction of any State commission to designate an eli-  
20 gible telecommunications carrier under this sub-  
21 section.”.

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