

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3621

To require subscribers to services supported through the Lifeline program of the Federal Communications Commission to reapply for such services on an annual basis.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2017

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

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 “Rechecking Eligibility
5 of Applicants to the Lifeline Program to Prevent Losses
6 Yearly Act of 2017” or the “REAPPLY Act of 2017”.

7 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REAPPLICATION FOR LIFELINE SERVICES.**

8 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commis-

1 sion shall amend subpart E of part 54 of title 47, Code
2 of Federal Regulations, so as to prohibit a provider of a
3 Lifeline service from seeking or receiving reimbursement
4 for providing such service to a subscriber unless, on an
5 annual basis—

6 (1) such subscriber submits an application for
7 such service in the same manner, and subject to the
8 same requirements, as in the case of an initial appli-
9 cation for such service; and

10 (2) the eligibility of such subscriber to receive
11 such service is determined and certified in the same
12 manner, and subject to the same requirements, as in
13 the case of the initial such determination and certifi-
14 cation.

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