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# S. 1377

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 19, 2017

Mr. WICKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “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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