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# H. R. 781

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW 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 “Veterans’ Tele-  
5       communication Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESIDENTIAL RATES FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZA-**  
 2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Communications  
 4 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding  
 5 at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 723 RESIDENTIAL RATES FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZA-**  
 7 **TIONS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A provider of a covered service  
 9 shall charge a veterans' organization for a covered service  
 10 delivered to the property at which the organization pri-  
 11 marily operates the rate that the provider would charge  
 12 for the service if the organization were an individual or  
 13 household residing at the property, if the rate is less than  
 14 the rate that the provider would charge the organization  
 15 for the service without regard to this section.

16 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) COVERED SERVICE.—The term ‘covered  
 18 service’ means—

19 “(A) a cable service; and

20 “(B) a voice service (as defined in section  
 21 227(e)(8)), except for a commercial mobile serv-  
 22 ice (as defined in section 332(d)).

23 “(2) VETERANS' ORGANIZATION.—The term  
 24 ‘veterans' organization’ means any organization rec-  
 25 ognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs pursu-

1 ant to section 5902 of title 38, United States  
2 Code.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 723 of the Commu-  
4 nications Act of 1934, as added by subsection (a), applies  
5 with respect to covered services (as such term is defined  
6 in such section) provided on or after the date of enactment  
7 of this Act.

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