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H. R. 1141

To provide that a project for the collocation of a telecommunications service facility is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Broadband Competi-
5 tion and Efficient Deployment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF NEPA AND NHPA TO COLLOCA-**
2 **TION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**
3 **FACILITIES.**

4 (a) NEPA EXEMPTION.—A covered project shall not
5 be subject to the requirements of section 102(2)(C) of the
6 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
7 4332(2)(C)).

8 (b) NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT EX-
9 EMPTION.—A covered project shall not be considered an
10 undertaking under section 300320 of title 54, United
11 States Code.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
14 means the Federal Communications Commission.

15 (2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered
16 project” means a project—

17 (A) for the placement, construction, or
18 modification of a telecommunications service fa-
19 cility in or on eligible support infrastructure;
20 and

21 (B) for which a permit, license, or approval
22 from the Commission is required or that is oth-
23 erwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Com-
24 mission.

25 (3) ELIGIBLE SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE.—
26 The term “eligible support infrastructure” means in-

1 frastructure that supports or houses a facility for
2 communication by wire (or is designed to and capa-
3 ble of supporting or housing such a facility) at the
4 time when a complete request to a State or local
5 government or instrumentality thereof for authoriza-
6 tion to place, construct, or modify a telecommuni-
7 cations service facility in or on the infrastructure is
8 received by the government or instrumentality.

9 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the 50
10 States, the District of Columbia, the territories and
11 possessions of the United States, and each federally
12 recognized Indian Tribe.

13 (5) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.—The
14 term “telecommunications service” has the meaning
15 given such term in section 3 of the Communications
16 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

17 (6) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FACIL-
18 ITY.—The term “telecommunications service
19 facility” means a facility for the provision of any
20 interstate or intrastate telecommunications service.

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