

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3548

To amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio 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 “Improving Trauma  
5 Care Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA DEFINITION.**

7 Paragraph (4) of section 1231 of the Public Health  
8 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–31) is amended to read as  
9 follows:

1           “(4) TRAUMA.—The term ‘trauma’ means an  
2 injury resulting from exposure to—

3           “(A) a mechanical force; or

4           “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an  
5 extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-  
6 ical, or radioactive.”.

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