

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7513
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF MISSOURI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting American
3 Seniors’ Access to Care Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FINALIZING PROPOSED STAFFING
5 RULE.**

6 The Secretary of Health and Human Services may
7 not finalize, implement, enforce, or otherwise give effect
8 to the proposed rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Pro-
9 grams; Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care
10 Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Trans-
11 parency Reporting” published by the Department of
12 Health and Human Services on September 6, 2023 (88
13 Fed. Reg. 61352–61429) and may not promulgate any
14 substantially similar rule.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from finalizing

a proposed rule regarding minimum staffing for skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities.”.

