H. R. 4275

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2021

Mrs. Luria (for herself and Mr. Katko) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Phone and Internet Access for SNAP Recipients Act of 2021”.

SEC. 2. REPORTS ON ENROLLMENT IN LIFELINE PROGRAM.

(a) Annual Report on Enrollment in Lifeline Program by SNAP Participants.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the Commission, in consultation with the
Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to Congress a report on enrollment in the Lifeline program by individuals participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

(b) STUDY AND REPORT ON ENROLLMENT IN LIFELINE PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on—

(1) projections of the number of new broadband service consumers who will join the Lifeline program through Federal assistance programs during the 5-year period following the conclusion of the study; and

(2) the efficacy of various efforts to advertise the Lifeline program, including data illustrating the effect of such efforts on enrollment in such program.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BROADBAND SERVICE.—The term “broadband service” has the meaning given the term “broadband internet access service” in section 8.1(b) of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.
(2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission.