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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.

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

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 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA DEFINITION.**

2 (a) REVISED DEFINITION UNDER TRAUMA SYSTEMS
3 GRANTS PROGRAMS.—Paragraph (4) of section 1231 of
4 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–31) is
5 amended to read as follows:

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

8 “(A) a mechanical force; or

9 “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an
10 extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-
11 ical, or radioactive.”.

12 (b) REVISED DEFINITION UNDER INTERAGENCY
13 PROGRAM FOR TRAUMA RESEARCH.—Paragraph (3) of
14 section 1261(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 300d–61(h)) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(3) The term ‘trauma’ means an injury result-
17 ing from exposure to—

18 “(A) a mechanical force; or

19 “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an
20 extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-
21 ical, or radioactive.”.