

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3548

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## AN ACT

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.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Trauma  
3 Care Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA DEFINITION.**

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

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

11 “(A) a mechanical force; or

12 “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an  
13 extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-  
14 ical, or radioactive.”.

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

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

21 “(A) a mechanical force; or

1                   “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an  
2                   extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-  
3                   ical, or radioactive.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 24, 2014.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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