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119TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ALLEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Broadband Expansion  
3 And Deployment Fee Equity and Efficiency Act of 2025”  
4 or the “BEAD FEE Act of 2025”.

5 **SEC. 2. STREAMLINING OF CERTAIN FEES RELATING TO**  
6 **BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED**  
7 **TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS UNDER BEAD**  
8 **PROGRAM.**

9 Section 60102(e) of the Infrastructure Investment  
10 and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1702(e)) is amended by adding  
11 at the end the following:

12 “(5) STREAMLINING OF CERTAIN FEES RELAT-  
13 ING TO BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED.—

14 After the date of the enactment of this paragraph,  
15 the Assistant Secretary may not make available to  
16 an eligible entity grant funds under this section (ex-  
17 cept for grant funds under paragraph (1)(C)) if the  
18 eligible entity, or any political subdivision of the eli-  
19 gible entity, charges a fee to consider a request for  
20 authorization to place, construct, or modify infra-  
21 structure for the provision of broadband service, or  
22 a fee for use of a right-of-way or infrastructure in  
23 a right-of-way owned or managed by the entity or  
24 political subdivision for the placement, construction,  
25 or modification of infrastructure for the provision of  
26 broadband service, unless such fee is—

1                   “(A) competitively neutral, technology neu-  
2                   tral, and nondiscriminatory;  
3                   “(B) publicly disclosed;  
4                   “(C) calculated—  
5                       “(i) based on actual and direct costs,  
6                   such as costs for—  
7                       “(I) review and processing of re-  
8                   quests; and  
9                       “(II) repairs and replacement  
10                  of—  
11                       “(aa) components and mate-  
12                   rials resulting from and affected  
13                   by the placement, construction,  
14                   or modification (including the in-  
15                   stallation or improvement) of in-  
16                   frastructure for the provision of  
17                   broadband service; or  
18                       “(bb) equipment that facili-  
19                   tates the placement, construction,  
20                   or modification (including the in-  
21                   stallation or improvement) of  
22                   such infrastructure; and  
23                       “(ii) using, for purposes of clause (i),  
24                   only costs that are objectively reasonable;  
25                   and

1           “(D) described to a requesting party in a  
2           manner that distinguishes between—  
3                   “(i) nonrecurring fees and recurring  
4                   fees; and  
5                   “(ii) the use of infrastructure on  
6                   which infrastructure for the provision of  
7                   broadband service is already located and  
8                   infrastructure on which there is no infra-  
9                   structure for the provision of broadband  
10                  service as of the date on which the request  
11                  is received by the eligible entity or political  
12                  subdivision.”.