

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3592

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2011

Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Rural Post  
5        Offices Act of 2011”.

6        **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON CLOSING OF POST OFFICES.**

7        Section 404(d) of title 39, United States Code, is  
8        amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sub-  
2 section, in making any determination under subsection  
3 (a)(3) as to the necessity for the closing or consolidation  
4 of any post office, the Postal Service may not close any  
5 post office which results in more than 10 miles distance  
6 (as measured on roads with year-round access) between  
7 any 2 post offices.”.

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