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H. R. 3744

To provide that the United States Postal Service shall maintain postal service to rural areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Rural Service Preser-
5 vation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.**

7 For the 5-year period beginning on the date of enact-
8 ment of this section, the United States Postal Service shall
9 continue the rural delivery of mail at not less than the
10 level provided as of such date.

1 **SEC. 3. EMPLOYEE BUY-OUTS AND RURAL POST OFFICE**
2 **CLOSINGS.**

3 (a) BUY-OUTS.—During the 5-year period beginning
4 on the date of enactment of this section, not more than
5 10 percent of the total number of buy-outs offered (if any)
6 by the Postal Service to Postal Service employees shall be
7 made to such employees that work in rural post offices.

8 (b) RURAL POST OFFICE CLOSINGS.—During the 5-
9 year period beginning on the date of enactment of this
10 section, not more than 10 percent of the total number of
11 the post offices closed or consolidated (if any) pursuant
12 to section 404 of title 39, United States Code, shall be
13 rural post offices.

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

15 (1) POSTAL SERVICE.—The term “Postal Serv-
16 ice” has the meaning given such term in section
17 102(1) of title 39, United States Code.

18 (2) RURAL POST OFFICE.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—A post office shall be
20 considered to be a rural post office if such post
21 office is located in an area, as set forth in the
22 most recent decennial census by the Bureau of
23 the Census, which is located within a town, vil-
24 lage, or city—

25 (i) that has a population not exceed-
26 ing 10,000 inhabitants; and

1 (ii) is not contiguous or adjacent to a
2 town, village, or city that has a population
3 that is greater than 150,000 inhabitants or
4 an urbanized area of such town, village, or
5 city.

6 (B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For pur-
7 poses of subparagraph (A), the term “urbanized
8 area” means a densely populated territory, as
9 defined in the most recent decennial census by
10 the Bureau of the Census.

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