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H. R. 771

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit States to designate without any mileage limitations facilities that are located in rural areas as critical access hospitals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2025

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 Health Care
5 Access Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE RURAL HOSPITAL FLEXIBILITY PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1820 of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)(2)(B)(i)—

6 (A) by striking “, and that—” and insert-
7 ing a semicolon; and

8 (B) by striking subclauses (I) and (II);
9 and

10 (2) in subsection (h)(3), by inserting “made be-
11 fore the date of the enactment of the Rural Health
12 Care Access Act of 2025” after “any redesignation”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a)(1) shall apply with respect to any designa-
15 tion or redesignation made on or after the date of the en-
16 actment of this Act.

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