

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the criteria for designation of rural emergency hospitals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 Sustain-
5 ability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION OF**
7 **RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.**

8 Section 1861(kkk)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1395x(kkk)(3)) is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
2 by striking “as of the date of the enactment of this
3 subsection” and inserting “as of January 1, 2014”;

4 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at
5 the end;

6 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
7 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(C) was designated as rural by the Office
11 of Rural Health Policy of the Health Resources
12 and Services Administration.”.