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H. R. 3063

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to assist rural hospitals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2025

Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Mr. JACK, and Ms. SEWELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 Hospital Sta-
5 bilization Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO ASSIST RURAL HOSPITALS.**

7 The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et
8 seq.) is amended by inserting after section 330A–2 (42
9 U.S.C. 254c–1b) the following:

1 **“SEC. 330A-3. GRANTS TO ASSIST RURAL HOSPITALS.**

2 “(a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—The Sec-
3 retary, acting through the Director of the Office of Rural
4 Health Policy of the Health Resources and Services Ad-
5 ministration, may make grants under this section to rural
6 hospitals—

7 “(1) for projects to acquire, repair, and up-
8 grade the systems, facilities, and equipment of rural
9 hospitals; and

10 “(2) to provide financial assistance to be used
11 toward the operational costs of rural hospitals, in-
12 cluding payroll expenses (except payroll expenses as-
13 sociated with hospital leadership positions) and debt
14 payments.

15 “(b) **APPLICATIONS.**—To be eligible to receive a
16 grant under this section, a rural hospital shall submit to
17 the Secretary an application, at such time, in such man-
18 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
19 require, including—

20 “(1) a description of the projects and expenses
21 that will receive funding under the grant;

22 “(2) a description of the manner in which the
23 projects and expenses funded under the grant will
24 address the financial needs of the hospital;

25 “(3) a description of how the projects and ex-
26 penses funded under the grant will help ensure that

1 residents of rural areas maintain access to hospital
2 services;

3 “(4) a plan for sustaining projects and covering
4 expenses at the hospital after Federal support under
5 this section has ended; and

6 “(5) such other information as the Secretary
7 determines to be appropriate.

8 “(c) MAXIMUM AGGREGATE GRANT AMOUNT.—A
9 rural hospital may receive not more than \$5,000,000, in
10 the aggregate, in grant funds under this section for any
11 five-year period.

12 “(d) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—Funds made
13 available under this section shall be used to supplement
14 and not supplant other Federal, State, local, and Tribal
15 funds available for the grant purposes described in sub-
16 section (a).

17 “(e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
19 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and
20 Commerce of the House of Representatives, the Com-
21 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, the
22 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
23 the Senate, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
24 and Forestry of the Senate a report on the activities and
25 outcomes of the grant program carried out under this sec-

1 tion, including the impact of projects funded under this
2 section on improving the financial viability of the grant
3 recipients and ensuring that residents of rural areas main-
4 tain access to hospital services.

5 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) RURAL HOSPITAL.—The term ‘rural hos-
7 pital’ means a hospital that is located at least 15
8 miles from the nearest hospital and at least 20 miles
9 from the nearest urbanized area (as defined by the
10 Bureau of the Census). Such term includes public
11 and private hospitals.

12 “(2) HOSPITAL LEADERSHIP POSITION.—The
13 term ‘hospital leadership position’ has such meaning
14 as the Secretary may prescribe by regulation.

15 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
16 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
17 \$500,000,000, in the aggregate, for fiscal years beginning
18 after September 30, 2025.”.

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