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S. 2789

To amend title 23, United States Code, to modify the percentage of highway safety program funds required to be spent by political subdivisions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. SHEEHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 Safety Adminis-
5 tration Flexibility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS.**

7 Section 402(b) of title 23, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)(C), by inserting “(or, in
2 the case of a rural State, 20 percent)” after “40
3 percent”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) DEFINITION OF RURAL STATE.—In this
6 subsection, the term ‘rural State’ means any State,
7 the population density of which is below the national
8 average (as determined based on data from the most
9 recent decennial Census).”.

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