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# H. R. 998

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 1999

Mr. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 Economic Devel-  
5 opment and Opportunities Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. WORK OPPORTUNITY CREDIT TO APPLY TO NEW**  
2 **EMPLOYEES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF RURAL**  
3 **AREAS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 51(d) of  
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining members of  
6 targeted groups) is amended by striking “or” at the end  
7 of subparagraph (G), by striking the period at the end  
8 of subparagraph (H) and inserting “, or”, and by adding  
9 at the end the following new subparagraph:

10 “(I) a rural area resident.”

11 (b) RURAL AREA RESIDENT.—Subsection (d) of sec-  
12 tion 51 of such Code is amended by redesignating para-  
13 graphs (10) through (12) as paragraphs (11) through  
14 (13), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (9) the  
15 following new paragraph:

16 “(10) RURAL AREA RESIDENT.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘rural area  
18 resident’ means, with respect to any period, any  
19 employee of the employer if—

20 “(i) substantially all of the services  
21 performed during such period by such em-  
22 ployee for such employer are performed  
23 within an area determined by the Secretary  
24 of Agriculture to be a rural area, and

1                   “(ii) the principal place of abode of  
2                   such employee while performing such serv-  
3                   ices is within such an area.

4                   “(B) TERMINATION.—Such term shall not  
5                   include any individual who begins work for the  
6                   employer after the date which is 5 years after  
7                   the date of the enactment of this paragraph.”

8                   (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9                   this section shall apply to individuals who begin work for  
10                  the employer after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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