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# H. R. 1730

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure proportional representation of rural interests on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2007

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (for himself, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. PAUL, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. SIMPSON, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. TERRY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. KIND, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. RENZI, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Mr. BERRY, Mr. HARE, Mr. ROSS, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. BOREN, Mr. BOSWELL, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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,*

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “MedPAC Rural Rep-  
3 resentation Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. ENSURING PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION OF  
5 INTERESTS OF RURAL AREAS ON MEDPAC.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1805(c)(2) of the Social  
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b–6(c)(2)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “con-  
9 sistent with subparagraph (E)” after “rural rep-  
10 resentatives”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 paragraph:

13 “(E) PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION OF  
14 INTERESTS OF RURAL AREAS.—In order to pro-  
15 vide a balance between urban and rural rep-  
16 resentatives under subparagraph (A), the pro-  
17 portion of members of the Commission who rep-  
18 resent the interests of health care providers and  
19 Medicare beneficiaries located in rural areas  
20 shall be no less than the proportion of the total  
21 number of Medicare beneficiaries who reside in  
22 rural areas.”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
24 subsection (a) shall apply to appointments to the Medicare

1 Payment Advisory Commission made after the date of en-  
2 actment of this Act.

