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S. 1457

To provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2007

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr.
LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain
postal routes, and for other purposes.

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. MAIL DELIVERY PROTECTION.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Mail Delivery Protection Act of 2007”.

6 (b) MAIL DELIVERY PROTECTION.—Section 5212 of
7 title 39, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Postal Serv-
9 ice may”; and

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

1 “(b)(1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), the
2 Postal Service may not enter into any contract under this
3 section with any motor carrier or other person for the de-
4 livery of mail on any route with 1 or more families per
5 mile.

6 “(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)—

7 “(A) any contract described under that para-
8 graph in effect on the date of enactment of the Mail
9 Delivery Protection Act of 2007—

10 “(i) shall remain in effect until terminated
11 under the terms of such contract or as other-
12 wise provided by law; and

13 “(ii) may be renewed 1 or more times; and

14 “(B) service on a rural route may be converted
15 to contract delivery service when such route no
16 longer serves a minimum of 1 family per mile.”.

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