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S. 1737

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a waiver of the 35-mile drive requirement for designations of critical access hospitals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Critical Access Hos-
5 pital Flexibility Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF 35-MILE DRIVE REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1820(c) of the Social Se-
8 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4(c)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by striking “is a
2 hospital” and inserting “subject to paragraph (3), is
3 a hospital”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(3) WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—
7 The Secretary may waive the requirements under
8 subclauses (I) and (II) of paragraph (2)(B)(i) for
9 designation of a critical access hospital by a State
10 in any case where the Secretary determines such
11 waiver is appropriate.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply to cost reporting periods begin-
14 ning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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