

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1171

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore State authority to waive the 35-mile rule for designating critical access hospitals under the Medicare Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 3, 2009

Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. INHOFE) 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 Flexi-
5 bility Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTORING STATE AUTHORITY TO WAIVE THE 35-**
2 **MILE RULE FOR MEDICARE CRITICAL AC-**
3 **CESS HOSPITAL DESIGNATIONS.**

4 Section 1820(c)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Social Security
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i-4(c)(2)(B)(i)(II)) is amended by in-
6 serting “or on or after the date of enactment of the Crit-
7 ical Access Flexibility Act of 2009” after “January 1,
8 2006,”.

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