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S. 1677

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to improve access to grants and loans for evidence-based substance use disorder treatment services in rural areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2017

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. STRANGE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE.**

4 Section 2333(c) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-
5 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 950aaa–2(c)) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(5) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT
8 SERVICES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
2 graph (B), the Secretary shall make available
3 not less than 20 percent of amounts made
4 available under section 2335A for financial as-
5 sistance under this chapter for substance use
6 disorder treatment services.

7 “(B) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a fiscal
8 year for which the Secretary determines that
9 there are not sufficient qualified applicants to
10 receive financial assistance for substance use
11 disorder treatment services to reach the 20-per-
12 cent requirement under subparagraph (A), the
13 Secretary may make available less than 20 per-
14 cent of amounts made available under section
15 2335A for those services.”.

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