

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2990

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit States to designate without any mileage limitations facilities that are located in rural areas as critical access hospitals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Rural Health Care
5 Access Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE RURAL HOSPITAL FLEXIBILITY PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1820 of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)(2)(B)(i)—

6 (A) by striking “, and that—” and insert-
7 ing a semicolon; and

8 (B) by striking subclauses (I) and (II);
9 and

10 (2) in subsection (h)(3), by inserting “made be-
11 fore the date of the enactment of the Rural Health
12 Care Access Act of 2019” after “any redesignation”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a)(1) shall apply with respect to any designa-
15 tion or redesignation made on or after the date of the en-
16 actment of this Act.

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