

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4201

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the criteria
for designation of rural emergency hospitals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23, 2024

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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the criteria for designation of rural emergency hospitals.

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 Sustain-
5 ability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION OF**
7 **RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.**

8 Section 1861(kkk)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1395x(kkk)(3)) is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
2 by striking “as of the date of the enactment of this
3 subsection” and inserting “as of January 1, 2014”;

4 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at
5 the end;

6 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
7 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(C) was designated as rural by the Office
11 of Rural Health Policy of the Health Resources
12 and Services Administration.”.

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