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# H. R. 771

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2025

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 2025”.

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 2025” 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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