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H. R. 9163

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that facilities do not lose critical access hospital status as a result of a roadway or transportation infrastructure improvement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. FIELDS, and Mrs. McIVER) 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 “Critical Access Hos-
5 pital Roadway Impact Protections Act of 2026” or the
6 “Critical Access Hospital RIP Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING THAT FACILITIES DO NOT LOSE CRIT-**
2 **ICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL STATUS AS A RESULT**
3 **OF A ROADWAY OR TRANSPORTATION INFRA-**
4 **STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT.**

5 Section 1820(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1395i-4(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following new subparagraph:

8 “(F) DISREGARD OF SUBSEQUENT ROAD-
9 WAY OR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
10 IMPROVEMENTS.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A facility that is
12 or at any point was designated as a critical
13 access hospital by a State under subpara-
14 graph (B) that would meet the criterion
15 specified in clause (i)(I) of such subpara-
16 graph but for a roadway or transportation
17 infrastructure improvement completed on
18 or after the date of such designation shall
19 be deemed to continue to meet such cri-
20 terion.

21 “(ii) ROADWAY OR TRANSPORTATION
22 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT DE-
23 FINED.—For purposes of clause (i), the
24 term ‘roadway or transportation infra-
25 structure improvement’ includes—

1 “(I) the construction, realign-
2 ment, widening, or enhancement of a
3 highway or roadway; and

4 “(II) the construction or modi-
5 fication of a bridge, overpass, or tun-
6 nel.”.

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