

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 3047

To provide for the treatment of certain critical access hospitals.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 23, 2025

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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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 “Restoring Rural  
5 Health Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN CRITICAL ACCESS HOS-**  
7 **PITALS.**

8 Section 1820(c)(2)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act  
9 (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4(c)(2)(B)(i)) is amended—

10 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “or” after the  
11 semicolon;

1           (2) in subclause (II), by inserting “or” after the  
2           semicolon; and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4           clause:

5                           “(III) is a facility that—

6                                   “(aa) as of January 1,  
7                                   2024, was designated as a crit-  
8                                   ical access hospital; and

9                                   “(bb) receives notice from  
10                                  the Centers for Medicare & Med-  
11                                  icaid Services during the period  
12                                  beginning on December 1, 2024,  
13                                  and ending on January 1, 2027,  
14                                  that the facility was found to be  
15                                  noncompliant with the distance  
16                                  requirement under section  
17                                  485.610(c) of title 42, Code of  
18                                  Federal Regulations (or a suc-  
19                                  cessor regulation);”.

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