

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3654

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2020

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mrs. FISCH-
ER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

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under the Paycheck Protection Program, and for other
purposes.

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 Relief
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS FOR LOANS**
 2 **UNDER THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PRO-**
 3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15
 5 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) by redesignating clauses (ii) through
 8 (ix) as clauses (iii) through (x), respectively;
 9 and

10 (B) by inserting after clause (i) the fol-
 11 lowing:

12 “(ii) the term ‘covered hospital’ means
 13 a public hospital that is owned or operated
 14 by a State or local government;”; and

15 (2) in subparagraph (D)—

16 (A) in the subparagraph heading, by in-
 17 serting “, HOSPITALS,” after “BUSINESSES”;

18 (B) in clause (i), by inserting “covered
 19 hospital,” after “veterans organization,” each
 20 place that term appears;

21 (C) in clause (v), by inserting “covered
 22 hospital,” after “veterans organization;”; and

23 (D) in clause (vi), by striking “organiza-
 24 tion and” and inserting “organization, a cov-
 25 ered hospital, and”.