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H. R. 7208

To amend the Small Business Act to include hospitals serving rural areas or areas of persistent poverty in the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2020

Mr. GUEST (for himself, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. STEWART, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, and Mr. PALAZZO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “PPP Access for Rural
5 Hospitals Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CRITICAL CARE HOSPITALS IN THE**
2 **PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **ELIGIBILITY OF HOSPITALS WITH MORE THAN**
4 **ONE PHYSICAL LOCATION.**—Section 7(a)(36)(D)(iii) of
5 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(D)(iii)) is
6 amended by striking “beginning with 72” and inserting
7 the following: “beginning with 72 (or, in the case of a crit-
8 ical care hospital, is assigned a North American Industry
9 Classification System code beginning with 62)”.

10 (b) **WAIVER OF AFFILIATION RULES.**—Section
11 7(a)(36)(D)(iv)(I) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
12 636(a)(36)(D)(iv)(I)) is amended by striking “beginning
13 with 72” and inserting the following: “beginning with 72
14 (or, in the case of a critical care hospital, is assigned a
15 North American Industry Classification System code be-
16 ginning with 62)”.

17 (c) **CRITICAL CARE HOSPITALS DEFINED.**—Section
18 7(a)(36)(D) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
19 636(a)(36)(D)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new clause:

21 “(vii) **CRITICAL CARE HOSPITAL DE-**
22 **FINED.**—In this clause, the term ‘critical
23 care hospital’ means a hospital (as defined
24 in section 1861(e) of the Social Security
25 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(e))) that—

1 “(I) is located in a county (or
2 equivalent unit of local government)
3 in a rural area, as defined in section
4 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(2)(D)), is
6 treated as being located in a rural
7 area pursuant to section
8 1886(d)(8)(E) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1395ww(d)(8)(E)), or is a critical ac-
10 cess hospital, as defined in section
11 1861(mm)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1395x(mm)(1)); or

13 “(II) for the most recent cost re-
14 porting period under section 1886(d)
15 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1395ww(d)), received an additional
17 payment under section 1886(d)(5)(F)
18 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
19 1395ww(d)(5)(F)).”.

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