

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8246

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the criteria for designation of rural emergency hospitals.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2024

Mr. ARRINGTON 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 “Second Chances for  
5 Rural Hospitals Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION OF**  
7 **RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.**

8 Section 1861(kkk)(3) of the Social Security Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 1395x(kkk)(3)) is amended—

1           (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
2           by striking “as of the date of the enactment of this  
3           subsection” and inserting “as of January 1, 2014”;

4           (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at  
5           the end;

6           (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period  
7           at the end and inserting “; or”; and

8           (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9           paragraph:

10                   “(C) was designated as rural by the Office  
11                   of Rural Health Policy of the Health Resources  
12                   and Services Administration.”.

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