

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2135

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a 5-year extension of the authorization for appropriations for certain medicare rural grants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16, 2002

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Rural Hospital Access
5 and Improvement Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORIZATION**
2 **FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN MEDI-**
3 **CARE RURAL GRANTS.**

4 Section 1820(j) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1395i-4(j)) is amended by striking “subsection (g)” and
6 all that follows and inserting “subsection (g)—
7 “(1) \$25,000,000 in each of the fiscal years
8 1998 through 2002; and
9 “(2) \$40,000,000 in each of the fiscal years
10 2003 through 2007.”.

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