

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3886

To amend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to exempt payments made to States and counties under such Act from any reduction pursuant to a sequestration order and to reimburse those States and counties that returned a portion of their January 2013 payment because of sequestration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2014

Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXEMPTION OF PAYMENTS TO STATES AND**
2 **COUNTIES UNDER THE SECURE RURAL**
3 **SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETER-**
4 **MINATION ACT OF 2000 FROM SEQUESTRA-**
5 **TION ORDERS.**

6 (a) EXEMPTION.—Section 403 of the Secure Rural
7 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
8 (16 U.S.C. 7153) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new subsection:

10 “(c) EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.—Notwith-
11 standing any other provision of law, any Presidential se-
12 questration order issued after the date of the enactment
13 of this subsection under part C of title II of the Balanced
14 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
15 U.S.C. 900 et seq.) shall provide that no reduction is made
16 with respect to funds made available under section 402
17 or derived from the other funding sources authorized by
18 section 102(b)(3) for the purpose of making the payments
19 to States and counties required by section 102.”.

20 (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY SEQUES-
21 TERED PAYMENTS OR FORGIVENESS OF REPAYMENT RE-
22 QUIREMENT.—

23 (1) REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRED.—Using the
24 payment sources authorized by subsection (b)(3) of
25 section 102 of the Secure Rural Schools and Com-
26 munity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.

1 7112), the Secretary of the Treasury shall reimburse
2 each State or county that, in response to a Presi-
3 dential sequestration order issued during fiscal year
4 2013, repaid some of the payment received by the
5 State or county during such fiscal year under such
6 section 102 either by—

7 (A) returning to the Secretary a portion of
8 the payment;

9 (B) having funds deducted from other
10 amounts due the State or county under such
11 Act; or

12 (C) providing some combination of return-
13 ing and deducting funds.

14 (2) REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT.—The amount
15 to be reimbursed to a State or county under para-
16 graph (1) shall be equal to the amount repaid by the
17 State or county as provided in such paragraph.

18 (3) FORGIVENESS.—In the case of any State or
19 county that did not repay, before the date of the en-
20 actment of this Act, the required portion of the pay-
21 ment received by the State or county during fiscal
22 year 2013 under section 102 of the Secure Rural
23 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of
24 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112) despite the Presidential se-

1 questration order, the Secretary of the Treasury
2 shall waive the repayment requirement.

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