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# H. R. 3566

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To strengthen resources to combat the heroin and opioid epidemic in rural communities across America.

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 “Addiction Recovery  
5 for Rural Communities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE.**

7 Section 2333(c) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-  
8 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 950aaa–2(c)) is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(5) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT  
2 SERVICES.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
4 graph (B), the Secretary shall make available  
5 not less than 20 percent of amounts made  
6 available under section 2335A for financial as-  
7 sistance under this chapter for substance use  
8 disorder treatment services.

9           “(B) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a fiscal  
10 year for which the Secretary determines that  
11 there are not sufficient qualified applicants to  
12 receive financial assistance for substance use  
13 disorder treatment services to reach the 20-per-  
14 cent requirement under subparagraph (A), the  
15 Secretary may make available less than 20 per-  
16 cent of amounts made available under section  
17 2335A for those services.”.

18 **SEC. 3. COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOANS AND**  
19 **GRANTS.**

20           Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
21 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) is amended by add-  
22 ing at the end the following:

23           “(27) DIRECT LOANS AND GRANTS FOR SUBSTANCE  
24 USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES.—

1           “(A) SELECTION PRIORITY.—In selecting re-  
2 recipients of loans or grants (not including loans guar-  
3 anteed by the Secretary) for the development of es-  
4 sential community facilities under this section, the  
5 Secretary shall give priority to entities eligible for  
6 those loans or grants—

7           “(i) to develop facilities to provide sub-  
8 stance use disorder (including opioid substance  
9 use disorder)—

10           “(I) prevention services;

11           “(II) treatment services;

12           “(III) recovery services; or

13           “(IV) any combination of those serv-  
14 ices; and

15           “(ii) that employ staff that have appro-  
16 priate expertise and training in how to identify  
17 and treat individuals with substance use dis-  
18 orders.

19           “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity de-  
20 scribed in subparagraph (A) that receives a loan or  
21 grant described in that subparagraph may use the  
22 loan or grant funds for the development of telemedi-  
23 cine facilities and systems to provide telemedicine  
24 for substance use disorder treatment.”.

1 **SEC. 4. RURAL HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION PRO-**  
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 502(i) of the Rural Devel-  
4 opment Act of 1972 (7 U.S.C. 2662(i)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-  
6 graph (6); and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(5) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER EDUCATION  
10 AND PREVENTION.—In making grants under this  
11 subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to an ap-  
12 plicant that will use the grant for substance use dis-  
13 order education and treatment and the prevention of  
14 substance use disorder.”.

15 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Title V of the Rural  
16 Development Act of 1972 (7 U.S.C. 2661 et seq.) (as  
17 amended by subsection (a)) is amended—

18 (1) in section 502, in the matter preceding sub-  
19 section (a), by inserting “(referred to in this title as  
20 the ‘Secretary’)” after “Agriculture”; and

21 (2) by striking “Secretary of Agriculture” each  
22 place it appears (other than in section 502 in the  
23 matter preceding subsection (a)) and inserting “Sec-  
24 retary”.

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