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SENATE BILL NO. 550

(By Senator Prezioso, et al)

PASSED April 8, 2005

In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5B-14, relating to designation of rural hospitals for purposes of the Critical Access Hospital Program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5B-14, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5B. HOSPITALS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS.


1 A hospital located in an urban area (Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) County), can be considered rural for the purposes of a designation as a critical access hospital pursuant to 42 U. S. C. §1395i-4(c)(2) if it meets the following criteria:
(1) Is enrolled as both a Medicaid and Medicare provider and accepts assignment for all Medicaid and Medicare patients;

(2) Provides emergency health care services to indigent patients;

(3) Maintains 24-hour emergency services; and

(4) Is located in a county that has a rural population of fifty percent or greater as determined by the most recent United States decennial census.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 3rd Day of May 2005.

Governor