

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. O'HALLERAN OF ARIZONA

Add at the end the following new title (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS**

2 **SEC. 601. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IMPROVE-**
3 **MENTS FOR RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COM-**
4 **MUNITIES.**

5 (a) RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY GME
6 GRANT PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
8 Human Service (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
9 retary”) shall establish a rural and underserved commu-
10 nity graduate medical education grant program under
11 which the Secretary shall award grants to hospitals lo-
12 cated in rural or medically underserved areas (as deter-
13 mined by the Secretary) that have not established an ap-
14 proved medical residency training program (as defined for
15 purposes of section 1886(h) of the Social Security Act (42
16 U.S.C. 1395ww(h))) in order to encourage such hospitals
17 to establish such a program.

18 (b) CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL GRANT PRO-
19 GRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a grant pro-
2 gram under which the Secretary awards grants to critical
3 access hospitals (as defined in section 1861 of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)) that do not have in effect
5 an affiliation agreement with a hospital with an approved
6 medical residency training program to host residents of
7 such program in order to assist such critical access hos-
8 pitals in setting up such affiliations in order to host such
9 residents.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 10 years after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
12 the United States shall submit to Congress a report con-
13 taining an analysis of the number of residents who trained
14 at a hospital or critical access hospital that received a
15 grant under subsection (a) or (b).

