

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8235
OFFERED BY M. _____**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Physician Work-
3 force Preservation Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. MODIFYING THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN ADDI-
5 TIONAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PO-
6 SITIONS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

7 Section 1886(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1395ww(h)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (9)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii)(I), by amend-
11 ing such subclause to read as follows:

12 “(I) Hospitals that—

13 “(aa) are located in a rural
14 area (as defined in section
15 1886(d)(2)(D)); or

16 “(bb) are treated as being
17 located in a rural area pursuant
18 to section 1886(d)(8)(E), but

1 only if such hospital so treated
2 meets a criterion specified in sub-
3 clause (I) or (II) of clause (ii) of
4 such section.”; and

5 (B) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by inserting
6 “and includes, with respect to the distribution
7 of full-time equivalent residency positions for
8 fiscal year 2023 or 2024, a hospital that is
9 treated as being located in a rural area pursu-
10 ant to section 1886(d)(8)(E) regardless of
11 whether such hospital meets a criterion speci-
12 fied in subclause (I) or (II) of clause (ii) of
13 such section” before the period; and

14 (2) in paragraph (10)(B)(ii)(I), by amending
15 such subclause to read as follows:

16 “(I) Hospitals that—

17 “(aa) are located in a rural
18 area (as defined in section
19 1886(d)(2)(D)); or

20 “(bb) are treated as being
21 located in a rural area pursuant
22 to section 1886(d)(8)(E), but
23 only if such hospital so treated
24 meets a criterion specified in sub-

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clause (I) or (II) of clause (ii) of

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such section.”.

