

## HR 5531

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit the 2-year phase-in for changes in hospital wage index classification from rural to urban without requiring waiver of a wage index increase, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 18, 2014

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Sep 18, 2014)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 18, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Sep 18, 2014)

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to prohibit any subsection (d) hospital located in an area which after September 30, 2014, is reclassified from a rural to an urban area from being required to waive the application of a wage index increase in order to be eligible for such reclassification for the first two fiscal years for which the reclassification from rural to urban is effective.

(Generally, a subsection [d] hospital is an acute care hospital, particularly one that receives payments under Medicare's inpatient prospective payment system [IPPS] when providing covered inpatient services to eligible beneficiaries.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 18, 2014:** Introduced in House
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