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### RURAL Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** May 27, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (May 27, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1919>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA] | D · GA        |      | May 27, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                              | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate  | Referred To | May 27, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 117 HR 947 | Related bill | <b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. |

### Summary (as of May 27, 2021)

#### Railway Upgrades for Rural American Lines Act or the RURAL Act

This bill modifies requirements for the Railway-Highway Crossings Program.

Specifically, the bill (1) requires the Department of Transportation to set aside highway safety improvement funds for states for the replacement of functionally obsolete warning and protective devices at railway-highway crossings, and (2) revises the amount of incentive payments a state may provide a local government for permanent closure by such government of public at-grade railway-highway crossings.

## Actions Timeline

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