

## HR 1775

### Second Chances for Rural Hospitals Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Mar 3, 2025)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Mar 3, 2025
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 3, 2025
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 6, 2025
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Mar 14, 2025
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Mar 14, 2025
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		May 6, 2025
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jul 10, 2025
Rep. Moran, Nathaniel [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Dec 16, 2025
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Mar 16, 2026

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 3, 2025
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 3, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Second Chances for Rural Hospitals Act**

This bill allows additional hospitals to qualify as rural emergency hospitals (REHs) under Medicare.

In 2020, Congress established REHs as a new Medicare provider designation for hospitals in rural areas providing emergency department services, observation care, and other outpatient medical and health services for which the annual per patient average length of stay does not exceed 24 hours. These hospitals must have been open as of December 27, 2020, in order to qualify for the new REH designation.

The bill allows hospitals that were open between January 1, 2014, and December 26, 2020, to also qualify for the REH designation, and it provides for a specific payment structure for these hospitals. The bill's changes take effect beginning in 2027.





