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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a definition of essential health system in statute.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TRAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHING A DEFINITION OF ESSENTIAL**
4 **HEALTH SYSTEM IN STATUTE.**

5 Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395x) is amended by adding at the end the following new
7 subsection:

8 “(nnn) **ESSENTIAL HEALTH SYSTEM.**—The term ‘es-
9 sential health system’ means a hospital—

1 “(1) that is a subsection (d) hospital (as de-
2 fined in section 1886(d)(1)(B));

3 “(2) that is a non-Federal governmental or pri-
4 vate nonprofit hospital; and

5 “(3) that—

6 “(A) meets the requirements of a Medicaid
7 deemed disproportionate share hospital (as de-
8 scribed in section 1923(b)(1));

9 “(B) has a Medicare disproportionate pa-
10 tient percentage of at least 35 percent (as de-
11 fined in section 1886(d)(5)(F)(vi)); or

12 “(C) has a Medicare disproportionate
13 share hospital uncompensated care payment
14 factor of 0.0005 or more, (as defined in section
15 1886(r)(2)(C)).”.