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SENATE BILL NO. 550

(By Senator Prezioso, et al)

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Senate Bill No. 550

(BY SENATORS PREZIOSO, FOSTER, HUNTER AND JENKINS)

[Passed April 8, 2005; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5B-14, relating to designation of rural hospitals for purposes of the Critical Access Hospital Program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5B-14, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5B. HOSPITALS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS.

§16-5B-14. The Critical Access Hospital Designation Act.

- 1 A hospital located in an urban area (Metropolitan
- 2 Statistical Areas (MSA) County), can be considered rural
- 3 for the purposes of a designation as a critical access
- 4 hospital pursuant to 42 U. S. C. §1395i-4(c)(2) if it meets
- 5 the following criteria:

6 (1) Is enrolled as both a Medicaid and Medicare provider
7 and accepts assignment for all Medicaid and Medicare
8 patients;

9 (2) Provides emergency health care services to indigent
10 patients;

11 (3) Maintains 24-hour emergency services; and

12 (4) Is located in a county that has a rural population of
13 fifty percent or greater as determined by the most recent
14 United States decennial census.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *3rd*
Day of *May* 2005.

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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
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