

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1832

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1993

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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. HOLD-HARMLESS PROTECTION FOR RURAL**  
4 **HOSPITALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(8)(C)(ii) of the  
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(8)(C)(ii)) is  
7 amended—

1           (1) by striking “of subparagraph (B)” and in-  
2           serting “(I) of subparagraph (B),”;

3           (2) by striking “or a decision” and inserting  
4           “(II) a decision”; and

5           (3) by striking “under paragraph (10)” and in-  
6           serting “under paragraph (10), or (III) new census  
7           designations”.

8           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9           subsection (a) shall be effective for discharges occurring  
10          on or after October 1, 1993.

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