

Bill No. SB 288

Amendment No. 2

<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 The Committee on Health Care recommended the following  
 12 amendment:

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 14 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

15 On page 3, lines 14-18, delete those lines

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 17 and insert:

18 (7) This section only applies to hospitals that were  
 19 defined as statutory rural hospitals, or their  
 20 successor-in-interest hospital, prior to July 1, 1998. Any  
 21 additional hospital that is defined as a statutory rural  
 22 hospital, or its successor-in-interest hospital, on or after  
 23 July 1, 1998, is not eligible for programs under this section  
 24 unless additional funds are appropriated each fiscal year  
 25 specifically to the rural hospital disproportionate share and  
 26 financial assistance programs in an amount necessary to  
 27 prevent any hospital, or its successor-in-interest hospital,  
 28 eligible for the programs prior to July 1, 1998, from  
 29 incurring a reduction in payments because of the eligibility  
 30 of an additional hospital to participate in the programs.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3           On page 1, lines 7-10, delete those lines

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5 and insert:

6           designated on or after July 1, 1998, may not be

7           included in the rural hospital disproportionate

8           share or financial assistance programs unless

9           additional appropriations are provided to

10          prevent any reduction in payments to hospitals

11          that are otherwise eligible for assistance;

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