

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1589 Session of  
2005

INTRODUCED BY MAJOR, HERMAN, SONNEY, BAKER, HANNA, STERN AND  
CAUSER, MAY 12, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 12, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 30, 2003 (P.L.15, No.7), entitled "An  
2 act designating political subdivisions as rural areas for  
3 purposes of Medicare hospital service payments," further  
4 providing for designation of hospitals.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of June 30, 2003 (P.L.15,  
8 No.7), known as the Medicare Hospital Service Payment  
9 Designation Act, is amended to read:

10 Section 2. Designation.

11 For purposes of payments to hospitals for inpatient or  
12 outpatient hospital services under section 1886 of the Social  
13 Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 1395ww), hospitals  
14 designated as Medicare-dependent hospitals as of April 30, 2002,  
15 or Critical Access hospitals as of [September 30, 2000] December  
16 31, 2005, are hereby designated as rural hospitals pursuant to  
17 section 1886(d)(8)(E)(ii)(II) of the Social Security Act (42  
18 U.S.C. § 1395ww(d)(8)(E)(ii)(II)).

1       Section 2.   This act shall take effect immediately.