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S. 2141

To provide for a grant program to award grants to certain rural communities that provide emergency medical services for Federal-aid highways, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19 (legislative day, MAY 16), 1994

Mr. BINGAMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 As used in this Act:

5 (1) **COMMUNITY.**—The term “community”
6 means an incorporated or unincorporated town or
7 village (or equivalent municipal entity) with a popu-
8 lation of fewer than 10,000 individuals, as deter-

1 mined by the Bureau of the Census in the census
2 conducted by the Bureau in 1990.

3 (2) FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS.—The term “Fed-
4 eral-aid highways” has the meaning provided the
5 term in section 101 of title 23, United States Code.

6 (3) RURAL COMMUNITY.—The term “rural
7 community” means a community that is located at
8 a distance of at least 100 miles from an urban cen-
9 ter.

10 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Transportation.

12 (5) URBAN CENTER.—The term “urban center”
13 means a municipality with a population of 500,000
14 or more individuals, as determined by the Bureau of
15 the Census in the census conducted by the Bureau
16 in 1990.

17 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES FOR EMER-**
18 **GENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
21 a grant program to provide grants to eligible rural commu-
22 nities that provide services to Federal-aid highways and
23 that submit an application that is approved by the Sec-
24 retary. An application submitted under this subsection
25 shall be in such form as the Secretary may prescribe.

1 (b) ELIGIBLE RURAL COMMUNITY.—A rural commu-
2 nity that expends not less than 25 percent of the funds
3 allocated by the community for emergency medical services
4 for services provided for medical emergencies that occur
5 in the vicinity of a Federal-aid highway shall be eligible
6 to receive a grant under this section.

7 (c) ELIGIBLE COSTS.—A grant awarded under this
8 section may be used by an eligible rural community to—

9 (1) purchase ambulances and other emergency
10 medical equipment; and

11 (2) provide training to emergency medical per-
12 sonnel.

13 (d) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The amount of a grant
14 awarded under this section may not exceed \$20,000.

15 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There are authorized to be appropriated to the De-
17 partment of Transportation \$10,000,000 to carry out this
18 Act.

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