March 1, 2007

**S 475. FUNDS FOR RURAL HOSPITAL OPERATIONS/MAINT.** Filed 3/1/07. TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE TO SMALL RURAL HOSPITALS.

Appropriates \$6 million for 2007-08 and \$6 million for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health and Community Care, to be used for capital and operational needs in small rural hospitals, and for pilot demonstration programs to address rural hospital issues, based on criteria to be established by advisory groups of the Office of Rural Health and Community Care. Requires the Office of Rural Health and Community Care to report by April 1, 2008, to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and Fiscal Research Division. Effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Purcell.

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