

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2697

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify the definitions of the terms “rural” and “rural area” for purposes of grants and loans to remedy a lack of compliance with certain drinking water standards, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2023

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clean Drinking Water
5 for Rural Communities Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF RURAL AND RURAL AREA.**

2 Section 343(a)(13)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and
3 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(B)) is
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking “For the purpose” and inserting
6 the following:

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
8 vided in clause (ii), for the purpose”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(ii) PROJECTS FOR COMPLIANCE.—
11 For the purpose of grants and loans de-
12 scribed in clause (i) to be used for projects
13 to remedy a lack of compliance with en-
14 forceable Federal or State drinking water
15 standards, the terms ‘rural’ and ‘rural
16 area’ mean a city, town, or unincorporated
17 area that has a population of not more
18 than 20,000 inhabitants.”.

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