

## Public Law 91-690

## AN ACT

January 12, 1971  
[H. R. 19470]

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the nursing service requirement and certain other requirements which an institution must meet in order to qualify as a hospital thereunder so as to make such requirements more realistic insofar as they apply to smaller institutions.

Nursing service  
requirements,  
modification,  
79 Stat. 315.  
42 USC 1395x.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1861 (e) (5) of the Social Security Act is amended by adding immediately after the semicolon at the end thereof the following: "except that until January 1, 1976, the Secretary is authorized to waive the requirement of this paragraph for any one-year period with respect to any institution, insofar as such requirement relates to the provision of twenty-four-hour nursing service rendered or supervised by a registered professional nurse (except that in any event a registered professional nurse must be present on the premises to render or supervise the nursing service provided, during at least the regular daytime shift), where immediately preceding such one-year period he finds that—

"(A) such institution is located in a rural area and the supply of hospital services in such area is not sufficient to meet the needs of individuals residing therein,

"(B) the failure of such institution to qualify as a hospital would seriously reduce the availability of such services to such individuals, and

"(C) such institution has made and continues to make a good faith effort to comply with this paragraph, but such compliance is impeded by the lack of qualified nursing personnel in such area."

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## AN ACT

January 12, 1971  
[H. R. 17917]

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the period of qualification of certain union-negotiated pension plans.

Taxes.  
Union-negotiated pension  
plans, qualification  
period.  
78 Stat. 57.  
26 USC 401.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) section 401(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to certain union-negotiated pension plans) is amended—

(1) by striking out "Multiemployer" in the heading, and

(2) by striking out paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(1) such trust was created pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement between employee representatives and one or more employers,".

(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1953, and ending after August 16, 1954, but only with respect to contributions made after December 31, 1954.

Effective date.

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