

AMENDMENT

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At the end of subtitle C of title VI, add the following:

1 **SEC. . ANNUAL REASSESSMENT OF POPULATION**
2 **THRESHOLD FOR RURAL AREAS.**

3 The Secretary of Agriculture shall annually reassess
4 and, if necessary, adjust the numerical threshold used in
5 determining whether an area is a rural area for purposes
6 of the provisions of law amended by this Act, taking into
7 account population level and density trends identified by
8 the Bureau of the Census, the classification of areas as
9 metropolitan or non-metropolitan by the Office of Manage-
10 ment and Budget, and, as appropriate, Rural-Urban Com-
11 muting Area codes of the Economic Research Service, and
12 in doing so, may take account of regional differences.

