

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To appropriately limit the size of the population required for urban areas of metropolitan statistical areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Metropolitan Statis-
5 tical Area Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. POPULATION OF URBAN AREAS.**

7 Section 3504 of title 44, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(1) In implementing subsection (e)(3), the Direc-
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1 “(1) shall not establish, for purposes of desig-
2 nating areas as metropolitan statistical areas, or any
3 successor thereto, a minimum population for the
4 urban area of such a metropolitan statistical area
5 that is more than 50,000; and

6 “(2) may, only for statistical purposes, and in
7 addition to the minimum population for urban areas
8 described in paragraph (1), establish other statistical
9 area designations with minimum population require-
10 ments for urban areas that are higher than the min-
11 imum population for an urban area described in
12 paragraph (1).”.