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AN ACT

To repeal section 197.318, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the transfer of long-term care beds to certain new health care facilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 197.318, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 197.318, to read as follows:

197.318. 1. The provisions of section 197.317 shall not apply to a
2 residential care facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility or
3 skilled nursing facility only where the department of social services has first
4 determined that there presently exists a need for additional beds of that
5 classification because the average occupancy of all licensed and available
6 residential care facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility and
7 skilled nursing facility beds exceeds ninety percent for at least four consecutive
8 calendar quarters, in a particular county, and within a fifteen-mile radius of the
9 proposed facility, and the facility otherwise appears to qualify for a certificate of
10 need. The department's certification that there is no need for additional beds
11 shall serve as the final determination and decision of the committee. In
12 determining ninety percent occupancy, residential care facility and assisted living
13 facility shall be one separate classification and intermediate care and skilled
14 nursing facilities are another separate classification.

15 2. The Missouri health facilities review committee may, for any facility
16 certified to it by the department, consider the predominant ethnic or religious
17 composition of the residents to be served by that facility in considering whether
18 to grant a certificate of need.

19 3. There shall be no expenditure minimum for facilities, beds, or services
20 referred to in subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of section 197.317. The provisions of
21 this subsection shall expire January 1, 2003.

22 4. As used in this section, the term "licensed and available" means beds
23 which are actually in place and for which a license has been issued.

24 5. The provisions of section 197.317 shall not apply to any facility where
25 at least ninety-five percent of the patients require diets meeting the dietary
26 standards defined by section 196.165, RSMo.

27 6. The committee shall review all letters of intent and applications for
28 long-term care hospital beds meeting the requirements described in 42 CFR,
29 Section 412.23(e) under its criteria and standards for long-term care beds.

30 7. Sections 197.300 to 197.366 shall not be construed to apply to litigation
31 pending in state court on or before April 1, 1996, in which the Missouri health
32 facilities review committee is a defendant in an action concerning the application
33 of sections 197.300 to 197.366 to long-term care hospital beds meeting the
34 requirements described in 42 CFR, Section 412.23(e).

35 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

36 (1) A facility licensed pursuant to chapter 198, RSMo, may increase its
37 licensed bed capacity by:

38 (a) Submitting a letter of intent to expand to the division of aging and the
39 health facilities review committee;

40 (b) Certification from the division of aging that the facility:

41 a. Has no patient care class I deficiencies within the last eighteen months;
42 and

43 b. Has maintained a ninety-percent average occupancy rate for the
44 previous six quarters;

45 (c) Has made an effort to purchase beds for eighteen months following the
46 date the letter of intent to expand is submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this
47 subdivision. For purposes of this paragraph, an "effort to purchase" means a copy
48 certified by the offeror as an offer to purchase beds from another licensed facility
49 in the same licensure category; and

50 (d) If an agreement is reached by the selling and purchasing entities, the
51 health facilities review committee shall issue a certificate of need for the
52 expansion of the purchaser facility upon surrender of the seller's license; or

53 (e) If no agreement is reached by the selling and purchasing entities, the
54 health facilities review committee shall permit an expansion for:

55 a. A facility with more than forty beds may expand its licensed bed
56 capacity within the same licensure category by twenty-five percent or thirty beds,
57 whichever is greater, if that same licensure category in such facility has
58 experienced an average occupancy of ninety-three percent or greater over the
59 previous six quarters;

60 b. A facility with fewer than forty beds may expand its licensed bed
61 capacity within the same licensure category by twenty-five percent or ten beds,
62 whichever is greater, if that same licensure category in such facility has
63 experienced an average occupancy of ninety-two percent or greater over the
64 previous six quarters;

65 c. A facility adding beds pursuant to subparagraphs a. or b. of this
66 paragraph shall not expand by more than fifty percent of its then licensed bed
67 capacity in the qualifying licensure category;

68 (2) Any beds sold shall, for five years from the date of relicensure by the
69 purchaser, remain unlicensed and unused for any long-term care service in the
70 selling facility, whether they do or do not require a license;

71 (3) The beds purchased shall, for two years from the date of purchase,
72 remain in the bed inventory attributed to the selling facility and be considered
73 by the department of social services as licensed and available for purposes of this
74 section;

75 (4) Any residential care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 198, RSMo,
76 may relocate any portion of such facility's current licensed beds to any other
77 facility to be licensed within the same licensure category if both facilities are
78 under the same licensure ownership or control, and are located within six miles
79 of each other;

80 (5) A facility licensed pursuant to chapter 198, RSMo, may transfer or sell
81 individual long-term care licensed beds to facilities qualifying pursuant to
82 paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision (1) of this subsection. Any facility which
83 transfers or sells licensed beds shall not expand its licensed bed capacity in that
84 licensure category for a period of five years from the date the licensure is
85 relinquished.

86 9. Any existing licensed and operating health care facility offering
87 long-term care services may replace one-half of its licensed beds at the same site
88 or a site not more than thirty miles from its current location if, for at least the
89 most recent four consecutive calendar quarters, the facility operates only fifty
90 percent of its then licensed capacity with every resident residing in a private
91 room. In such case:

92 (1) The facility shall report to the division of aging vacant beds as
93 unavailable for occupancy for at least the most recent four consecutive calendar
94 quarters;

95 (2) The replacement beds shall be built to private room specifications and
96 only used for single occupancy; and

97 (3) The existing facility and proposed facility shall have the same owner

98 or owners, regardless of corporate or business structure, and such owner or
99 owners shall stipulate in writing that the existing facility beds to be replaced will
100 not later be used to provide long-term care services. If the facility is being
101 operated under a lease, both the lessee and the owner of the existing facility shall
102 stipulate the same in writing.

103 10. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a health care facility licensed
104 pursuant to chapter 198, RSMo, from being replaced in its entirety within fifteen
105 miles of its existing site so long as the existing facility and proposed or
106 replacement facility have the same owner or owners regardless of corporate or
107 business structure and the health care facility being replaced remains unlicensed
108 and unused for any long-term care services whether they do or do not require a
109 license from the date of licensure of the replacement facility.

110 **11. (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the**
111 **contrary, a new health care facility may be licensed under chapter 198,**
112 **RSMo, by arranging for the transfer of licensed skilled nursing facility**
113 **beds to such new health care facility, provided the following criteria**
114 **are satisfied:**

115 (a) A letter of intent to develop the new health care facility is
116 submitted to the department and to the Missouri health facilities
117 review committee;

118 (b) The department certifies that the transferred beds are from
119 skilled nursing or assisted living facilities in this state and have
120 maintained an average occupancy in the relevant licensure category of
121 under ninety percent for the previous four calendar quarters; and

122 (c) The proposed new health care facility otherwise satisfies all
123 conditions of licensure under chapter 198, RSMo.

124 (2) The transferring of beds under this subsection shall not be
125 subject to review under sections 197.300 to 197.366. The facility
126 transferring beds under this subsection shall not seek to add beds
127 within a two-year period of time after the transaction.

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