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AN ACT

To repeal sections 197.300, 197.305, 197.310, 197.311, 197.312, 197.315, 197.316, 197.318, 197.320, 197.326, 197.327, 197.330, 197.366, and 197.367, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to long-term care certificates of need, with existing penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 197.300, 197.305, 197.310, 197.311, 197.312, 197.315,

- 2 197.316, 197.318, 197.320, 197.326, 197.327, 197.330, 197.366, and 197.367,
- 3 RSMo, are repealed and fourteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
- 4 known as sections 197.300, 197.305, 197.310, 197.311, 197.312, 197.315, 197.316,
- 5 197.318, 197.320, 197.323, 197.326, 197.327, 197.330, and 197.367, to read as
- 6 follows:

197.300. Sections 197.300 to [197.366] 197.367 shall be known as the

2 "Missouri Certificate of Need Law".

197.305. As used in sections 197.300 to [197.366] **197.367**, the following

- 2 terms mean:
- 3 (1) "Affected persons", the person proposing the development of a new
- 4 institutional health service, the public to be served, and health care facilities
- 5 within the service area in which the proposed new health care service is to be
- 6 developed;
- 7 (2) "Agency", the certificate of need program of the [Missouri] department
- 8 [of health and senior services];
- 9 (3) "Capital expenditure", an expenditure by or on behalf of a health care
- 10 facility which, under generally accepted accounting principles, is not properly
- 11 chargeable as an expense of operation and maintenance;

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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12 (4) "Certificate of need", a written certificate issued by the committee 13 setting forth the committee's affirmative finding that a proposed project 14 sufficiently satisfies the criteria prescribed for such projects by sections 197.300 15 to [197.366] 197.367;

- (5) "Committee", the Missouri health facilities review committee;
- (6) "Department", the department of health and senior services;
- 18 **(7)** "Develop", to undertake those activities which on their completion will 19 result in the offering of a new institutional health service or the incurring of a 20 financial obligation in relation to the offering of such a service;
 - [(6)] (8) "Ex parte communication", any communication outside of a pending application process with a committee member or any person employed as staff to the committee or agency regarding any matter or issue within the jurisdiction of the committee;
 - (9) "Expenditure minimum" shall mean:
 - (a) For beds in existing or proposed health care facilities licensed pursuant to chapter 198 and long-term care beds in a hospital as described in subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of section 198.012, six hundred thousand dollars in the case of capital expenditures, or four hundred thousand dollars in the case of major medical equipment, provided, however, that prior to January 1, 2003, the expenditure minimum for beds in such a facility and long-term care beds in a hospital described in section 198.012 shall be zero, subject to the provisions of subsection 7 of section 197.318;
- 34 (b) For beds or equipment in a long-term care hospital meeting the 35 requirements described in 42 CFR, Section 412.23(e), the expenditure minimum 36 shall be zero; and
- 37 (c) For health care facilities, new institutional health services or beds not 38 described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subdivision one million dollars in the case 39 of capital expenditures, excluding major medical equipment, and one million 40 dollars in the case of medical equipment;
- 41 [(7)] (10) "Health care facilities":
- 42 (a) Facilities licensed under chapter 198;
- 43 (b) Long-term care beds in a hospital as described in subdivision 44 (3) of subsection 1 of section 198.012;
 - (c) Long-term care hospitals or beds in a long-term care hospital meeting the requirements described in 42 CFR 412.23(e); and
- 47 (d) Construction of a new hospital as the term "hospital" is

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- 49 (11) "Health service area", a geographic region appropriate for the 50 effective planning and development of health services, determined on the basis 51 of factors including population and the availability of resources, consisting of a 52 population of not less than five hundred thousand or more than three million;
- [(8)] (12) "Major medical equipment", medical equipment used for the provision of medical and other health services;
 - [(9)] (13) "New institutional health service":
- 56 (a) The development of a new health care facility costing in excess of the 57 applicable expenditure minimum;
- 58 (b) The acquisition, including acquisition by lease, of any health care 59 facility, or major medical equipment costing in excess of the expenditure 60 minimum;
- 61 (c) Any capital expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility in 62 excess of the expenditure minimum;
- 63 (d) Predevelopment activities as defined in subdivision [(12)] (16) hereof 64 costing in excess of one hundred fifty thousand dollars;
 - (e) Any change in licensed bed capacity of a health care facility which increases the total number of beds by more than ten or more than ten percent of total bed capacity, whichever is less, over a two-year period;
 - (f) Health services, excluding home health services, which are offered in a health care facility and which were not offered on a regular basis in such health care facility within the twelve-month period prior to the time such services would be offered;
 - (g) A reallocation by an existing health care facility of licensed beds among major types of service or reallocation of licensed beds from one physical facility or site to another by more than ten beds or more than ten percent of total licensed bed capacity, whichever is less, over a two-year period;
- [(10)] (14) "Nonsubstantive projects", projects which do not involve the addition, replacement, modernization or conversion of beds or the provision of a new health service but which include a capital expenditure which exceeds the expenditure minimum and are due to an act of God or a normal consequence of maintaining health care services, facility or equipment;
- [(11)] (15) "Person", any individual, trust, estate, partnership, corporation, including associations and joint stock companies, state or political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, including a municipal corporation;

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- 84 [(12)] (16) "Predevelopment activities", expenditures for architectural 85 designs, plans, working drawings and specifications, and any arrangement or commitment made for financing; but excluding submission of an application for 86 a certificate of need; 87
- 88 (17) "Urban area", an area of the state that shall only include areas within the following counties or cities: 89
 - (a) Any city not within a county;
- (b) Any county with a charter form of government and with more 91 92 than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants; and
- 93 (c) Any county with a charter form of government and with more 94 than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand 95 inhabitants.
- 197.310. 1. The "Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee" is hereby established. The agency shall provide clerical and administrative support to the 3 committee. The committee may employ additional staff as it deems necessary.
- 4 2. The committee shall be composed of [:
- (1) Two members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem, who 5 shall be from different political parties; and 6
- 7 (2) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the 8 speaker, who shall be from different political parties; and
- (3) Fivel **nine** members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than [three] five of whom shall be from the same political party. Each member shall demonstrate knowledge and 11 12 experience in the health care industry or health care accounting, insurance, financing, and banking. No member of the senate or house 13 of representatives shall serve as a member of the committee.
- 15 3. No business of this committee shall be performed without a majority 16 of the full body.
- 17 4. The members shall be appointed as soon as possible after September 28, 1979. [One of the senate members, one of the house members and three of the 18 members appointed by the governor shall serve until January 1, 1981, and the 19 remaining members shall serve until January 1, 1982.] All [subsequent] members shall be appointed in the manner provided in subsection 2 of this section and 2122 shall serve terms of two years.
- 23 5. The committee shall elect a chairman at its first meeting which shall be called by the governor. The committee shall meet upon the call of the

- 25 chairman or the governor.
- 6. The committee shall review and approve or disapprove all applications for a certificate of need made under sections 197.300 to [197.366] 197.367. It shall issue reasonable rules and regulations governing the submission, review and disposition of applications.

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- 7. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation but shallbe reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of [subsection 4 of] section 610.025, the proceedings and records of the facilities review committee shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 610.
 - 197.311. No member of the [Missouri health facilities review] committee may accept a political donation from any applicant for a license.

197.312. A certificate of need shall not be required for any institution previously owned and operated for or in behalf of a city not within a county which 3 chooses to be licensed as a facility defined under subdivision (22) or (23) of section 198.006 for a facility of ninety beds or less that is owned or operated by a not-for-profit corporation which is exempt from federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which is controlled directly by a religious organization and which has received approval by the department [of health and senior services] of plans for construction of such facility by August 1, 1995, and is licensed by the department [of health and senior services] by July 1, 1996, as a facility defined under 10 subdivision (22) or (23) of section 198.006 or for a facility, serving exclusively 11 12 mentally ill, homeless persons, of sixteen beds or less that is owned or operated 13 by a not-for-profit corporation which is exempt from federal income tax which is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which is 14 controlled directly by a religious organization and which has received approval 15 by the department [of health and senior services] of plans for construction of such 16 facility by May 1, 1996, and is licensed by the department [of health and senior services] by July 1, 1996, as a facility defined under subdivision (22) or (23) of 18 section 198.006 or an assisted living facility located in a city not within a county 19 20 operated by a not for profit corporation which is exempt from federal income tax 21which is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 22which is controlled directly by a religious organization and which is licensed for 23 one hundred beds or less on or before August 28, 1997.

197.315. 1. Any person who proposes to develop or offer a new

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2 institutional health service within the state must obtain a certificate of need from 3 the committee prior to the time such services are offered.

- 2. Only those new institutional health services which are found by the committee to be needed shall be granted a certificate of need. Only those new institutional health services which are granted certificates of need shall be offered or developed within the state. No expenditures for new institutional health services in excess of the applicable expenditure minimum shall be made by any person unless a certificate of need has been granted.
- 3. After October 1, 1980, no state agency charged by statute to license or certify health care facilities shall issue a license to or certify any such facility, or distinct part of such facility, that is developed without obtaining a certificate of need.
- 4. If any person proposes to develop any new institutional health care service without a certificate of need as required by sections 197.300 to [197.366] 197.367, the committee shall notify the attorney general, and he shall apply for an injunction or other appropriate legal action in any court of this state against that person.
- 5. After October 1, 1980, no agency of state government may appropriate or grant funds to or make payment of any funds to any person or health care facility which has not first obtained every certificate of need required pursuant to sections 197.300 to [197.366] 197.367.
 - 6. A certificate of need shall be issued only for the premises and persons named in the application and is not transferable except by consent of the committee. No certificate of need shall be issued if the operator of the facility is not named in the application. A change in the named operator shall not occur without the consent of the committee.
 - 7. Project cost increases, due to changes in the project application as approved or due to project change orders, exceeding the initial estimate by more than ten percent shall not be incurred without consent of the committee.
- 8. Periodic reports to the committee shall be required of any applicant who has been granted a certificate of need until the project has been completed. The committee may order the forfeiture of the certificate of need upon failure of the applicant to file any such report.
- 9. A certificate of need shall be subject to forfeiture for failure to incur a capital expenditure on any approved project within six months after the date of the order. The applicant may request an extension from the committee of not

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more than six additional months based upon substantial expenditure made, provided that, in the case of a certificate of need for new or additional 39 beds as the term "bed" is defined in section 197.323, such an extension 40 shall not be granted for any approved project up to thirty million 41 dollars for which no substantial capital expenditure has been incurred 42 within three years of the original approval date of the order and for 43 any approved project exceeding thirty million dollars for which no 44 substantial capital expenditure has been incurred within five years of 45 the original approval date of the order. 46

- 10. Each application for a certificate of need must be accompanied by an application fee. The time of filing commences with the receipt of the application and the application fee. The application fee is one thousand dollars, or one-tenth of one percent of the total cost of the proposed project, whichever is greater. All application fees shall be deposited in the state treasury. Because of the loss of federal funds, the general assembly will appropriate funds to the [Missouri health facilities review] committee.
- 11. In determining whether a certificate of need should be granted, no consideration shall be given to the facilities or equipment of any other health care facility located more than a fifteen-mile radius from the applying facility, except as provided in section 197.323.
 - 12. When a nursing facility shifts from a skilled to an intermediate level of nursing care, it may return to the higher level of care if it meets the licensure requirements, without obtaining a certificate of need.
 - 13. In no event shall a certificate of need be denied because the applicant refuses to provide abortion services or information.
 - 14. A certificate of need shall not be required for the transfer of ownership of an existing and operational health facility in its entirety.
- 15. A certificate of need may be granted to a facility for an expansion, an addition of services, a new institutional service, or for a new hospital facility which provides for something less than that which was sought in the application.
- 16. The provisions of this section shall not apply to facilities operated by the state, and appropriation of funds to such facilities by the general assembly shall be deemed in compliance with this section, and such facilities shall be deemed to have received an appropriate certificate of need without payment of any fee or charge. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to hospitals operated by the state and licensed under this chapter, except for department of

- 74 mental health state-operated psychiatric hospitals.
- 17. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, a certificate of need may be issued after July 1, 1983, for an intermediate care facility operated exclusively for the intellectually disabled.
- 78 18. To assure the safe, appropriate, and cost-effective transfer of new 79 medical technology throughout the state, a certificate of need shall not be 80 required for the purchase and operation of:
- 81 (1) Research equipment that is to be used in a clinical trial that has 82 received written approval from a duly constituted institutional review board of 83 an accredited school of medicine or osteopathy located in Missouri to establish its 84 safety and efficacy and does not increase the bed complement of the institution 85 in which the equipment is to be located. After the clinical trial has been 86 completed, a certificate of need must be obtained for continued use in such 87 facility; or
- 88 (2) Equipment that is to be used by an academic health center operated 89 by the state in furtherance of its research or teaching missions.
 - 197.316. 1. The provisions of subsection 10 of section 197.315 and sections 197.317 and 197.318 shall not apply to facilities which are licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 198, which are designed and operated exclusively for the care and treatment of persons with acquired human immunodeficiency syndrome, AIDS.
- 2. If a facility is granted a certificate of need and is found to be exempt from the provisions of subsection 10 of section 197.315 and sections 197.317 and 197.318 pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, then only AIDS patients shall be residents of such facility and no others.
- 3. Any facility that violates the provisions of subsection 2 of this section shall be liable for a fine of one hundred dollars per resident per day for each such violation.
- 4. The attorney general shall, upon request of the department [of health and senior services], bring an action in a circuit court of competent jurisdiction for violation of this section.
- 197.318. 1. As used in this section, the [term] word "licensed [and available]" means beds which are actually in place and for which a license has been issued.
- 2. The committee shall review all letters of intent and applications for long-term care hospital beds meeting the requirements described in 42 CFR[,

- 6 Section] 412.23(e) under its criteria and standards for long-term care beds.
- 7 3. Sections 197.300 to [197.366] **197.367** shall not be construed to apply
- 8 to litigation pending in state court on or before April 1, 1996, in which the
- 9 [Missouri health facilities review] committee is a defendant in an action
- 10 concerning the application of sections 197.300 to [197.366] 197.367 to long-term
- 11 care hospital beds meeting the requirements described in 42 CFR[, Section]
- 12 412.23(e).
- 13 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:
- 14 (1) A facility licensed pursuant to chapter 198 may increase its licensed 15 bed capacity by:
- 16 (a) Submitting a letter of intent to expand to the department [of health 17 and senior services] and the [health facilities review] committee;
- 18 (b) Certification from the department [of health and senior services] that 19 the facility:
- $a. \ \ \text{Has no patient care class I deficiencies within the last eighteen months};$
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- b. Has maintained a ninety-percent average occupancy rate for the previous six quarters;
- (c) Has made an effort to purchase beds for eighteen months following the date the letter of intent to expand is submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision. For purposes of this paragraph, an "effort to purchase" means a copy certified by the offeror as an offer to purchase beds from another licensed facility in the same licensure category; and
- 29 (d) If an agreement is reached by the selling and purchasing entities, the 30 [health facilities review] committee shall issue a certificate of need for the 31 expansion of the purchaser facility upon surrender of the seller's license; or
 - (e) If no agreement is reached by the selling and purchasing entities, the [health facilities review] committee shall permit an expansion for:
- a. A facility with more than forty beds may expand its licensed bed capacity within the same licensure category by twenty-five percent or thirty beds, whichever is greater, if that same licensure category in such facility has experienced an average occupancy of ninety-three percent or greater over the previous six quarters;
- b. A facility with fewer than forty beds may expand its licensed bed capacity within the same licensure category by twenty-five percent or ten beds, whichever is greater, if that same licensure category in such facility has

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42 experienced an average occupancy of ninety-two percent or greater over the 43 previous six quarters;

- 44 c. A facility adding beds pursuant to subparagraphs a. or b. of this paragraph shall not expand by more than fifty percent of its then licensed bed 45 capacity in the qualifying licensure category; 46
- 47 (2) Any beds sold shall, for five years from the date of relicensure by the purchaser, remain unlicensed and unused for any long-term care service in the 48 49 selling facility, whether they do or do not require a license;
 - (3) The beds purchased shall, for two years from the date of purchase, remain in the bed inventory attributed to the selling facility and be considered by the department [of social services] as licensed [and available] for purposes of this section;
- (4) Any residential care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 198 may relocate any portion of such facility's current licensed beds to any other facility 55 to be licensed within the same licensure category if both facilities are under the 56 same licensure ownership or control, and are located within six miles of each 58 other;
- 59 (5) A facility licensed pursuant to chapter 198 may transfer or sell 60 individual long-term care licensed beds to facilities qualifying pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision (1) of this subsection. Any facility which 61 transfers or sells licensed beds shall not expand its licensed bed capacity in that licensure category for a period of five years from the date the licensure is 64 relinquished.
 - 5. Any existing licensed and operating health care facility offering long-term care services may replace one-half of its licensed beds at the same site or a site not more than thirty miles from its current location if, for at least the most recent four consecutive calendar quarters, the facility operates only fifty percent of its then licensed capacity with every resident residing in a private room. In such case:
 - (1) The facility shall report to the [health and senior services] department vacant beds as unavailable for occupancy for at least the most recent four consecutive calendar quarters;
- 74 (2) The replacement beds shall be built to private room specifications and 75 only used for single occupancy; and
- 76 (3) The existing facility and proposed facility shall have the same owner 77 or owners, regardless of corporate or business structure, and such owner or

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owners shall stipulate in writing that the existing facility beds to be replaced will not later be used to provide long-term care services. If the facility is being operated under a lease, both the lessee and the owner of the existing facility shall stipulate the same in writing.

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

197.320. The committee shall have the power to promulgate reasonable rules, regulations, criteria and standards in conformity with this section and chapter 536 to meet the objectives of sections 197.300 to [197.366] 197.367 including the power to establish criteria and standards to review new types of equipment or service. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in sections 197.300 to [197.366] 197.367 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject 7 to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. All rulemaking authority delegated prior to August 28, 1999, is of no force and effect 10 and repealed. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule filed or adopted prior to August 28, 1999, if it fully complied 11 12 with all applicable provisions of law. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul 14 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking 15 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 1999, shall be 16 invalid and void. 17

- 197.323. 1. As used in this section, the term "bed" shall mean a 2 bed in a facility as defined in section 198.006 or a long-term care 3 hospital bed as described in 42 CFR 412.23(e).
 - 2. In determining whether a certificate of need shall be granted for any new or additional licensed beds, the following shall apply:
- 6 (1) No consideration shall be given to any other licensed beds 7 located more than a fifteen-mile radius from the applying facility in all 8 areas of the state except for urban areas, for which a ten-mile radius

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- 10 (2) The need methodology for long-term care beds in a ten- or fifteen-mile service area shall be as follows: 11
- 12 (a) For intermediate care facilities and skilled nursing facilities, fifty-three beds per one thousand population age sixty-five and older 13 minus the current number of intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility beds as shown in the Six-Quarter Occupancy of 15 Hospital and Nursing Home Licensed and Available Beds, or its 16 17 successor publications;
- (b) For residential care facilities and assisted living facilities, 18 twenty-five beds per one thousand population age sixty-five and older 19 minus the current number of residential care facility or assisted living 20 facility beds as shown in the Six-Quarter Occupancy of Residential 2122 Care and Assisted Living Facility Licensed and Available Beds, or its successor publications; and
- 24(c) For long-term care hospital beds, one-tenth of a bed per one 25 thousand population minus the current number of long-term care hospital beds as shown in the Six-Quarter Occupancy of Long-Term 26Care Hospital Facility Licensed and Available Beds, or its successor 28 publications.
 - 3. No consideration shall be given to any application for new or additional licensed beds unless the applicant can demonstrate that the average occupancy of all facilities in the same category within the service area of the project site has been equal to or greater than eightyfive percent during the four most recent quarters according to occupancy data published by the committee.

197.326. 1. Any person who is paid either as part of his or her normal employment or as a lobbyist to support or oppose any project before the [health facilities review] committee shall register as a lobbyist pursuant to chapter 105 and shall also register with the staff of the [health facilities review] committee for every project in which such person has an interest and indicate whether such person supports or opposes the named project. The registration shall also include the names and addresses of any person, firm, corporation or association that the person registering represents in relation to the named project. Any person violating the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to the penalties 10 specified in section 105.478.

2. [A member of the general assembly who also serves as a member of the

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health facilities review committee is prohibited from soliciting or accepting 12 campaign contributions from any applicant or person speaking for an applicant or any opponent to any application or persons speaking for any opponent while 14 such application is pending before the health facilities review committee.] No 15 person regulated by chapter 197 or 198 or any officer, attorney, agent, 16 or employee thereof, shall initiate, participate in, or undertake, directly 17 or indirectly, an ex parte communication with a committee member or 18 any person employed as staff to the committee or agency unless such 19 20 communication is submitted or confirmed in writing and made part of the certificate of need application. Communications for the purposes 2122of clarification of facts and issues that may arise after an application 23 has been deemed complete and initiated by the agency or committee staff shall not be prohibited so long as such communications are 2425 submitted or confirmed in writing and made part of the application.

- 3. Any person regulated by chapter 197 or 198 and any officer, attorney, agent and employee thereof, shall not offer to any committee member or to any person employed as staff to the committee, any office, appointment or position, or any present, gift, entertainment or gratuity of any kind or any campaign contribution while such application is pending before the [health facilities review] committee. Any person guilty of knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as follows: For the first offense, such person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor; and for the second and subsequent offenses, such person is guilty of a class E felony.
- 197.327. 1. If a facility is granted a certificate of need pursuant to sections 197.300 to [197.365] 197.367 based on an application stating a need for additional Medicaid beds, such beds shall be used for Medicaid patients and no other.
- 2. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall be liable to the state for civil penalties of one hundred dollars for every day of such violation. Each nonMedicaid patient placed in a Medicaid bed shall constitute a separate violation.
- 3. The attorney general shall, upon the request of the department, bring an action in a circuit court of competent jurisdiction to recover the civil penalty. The department may bring such an action itself. The civil action may be brought in the circuit court of Cole County or, at the option of the director, in another county which has venue of an action against the person under other

14 provisions of law.

197.330. 1. The committee shall:

- 2 (1) Notify the applicant within fifteen days of the date of filing of an 3 application as to the completeness of such application;
- 4 (2) Provide written notification to affected persons located within this 5 state at the beginning of a review. This notification may be given through 6 publication of the review schedule in all newspapers of general circulation in the 7 area to be served;
- 8 (3) Hold public hearings on all applications when a request in writing is 9 filed by any affected person within thirty days from the date of publication of the 10 notification of review;
- 11 (4) Within one hundred days of the filing of any application for a 12 certificate of need, issue in writing its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and its 13 approval or denial of the certificate of need; provided, that the committee may 14 grant an extension of not more than thirty days on its own initiative or upon the 15 written request of any affected person;
- 16 (5) Cause to be served upon the applicant, the respective health system 17 agency, and any affected person who has filed his prior request in writing, a copy 18 of the aforesaid findings, conclusions and decisions;
- 19 (6) Consider the needs and circumstances of institutions providing 20 training programs for health personnel;
- 21 (7) Provide for the availability, based on demonstrated need, of both 22 medical and osteopathic facilities and services to protect the freedom of patient 23 choice; and
- 24 (8) Establish by regulation procedures to review, or grant a waiver from 25 review, nonsubstantive projects.
- The term "filed" or "filing" as used in this section shall mean delivery to the staff of the [health facilities review] committee the document or documents the applicant believes constitute an application.
- 29 2. Failure by the committee to issue a written decision on an application 30 for a certificate of need within the time required by this section shall constitute 31 approval of and final administrative action on the application, and is subject to 32 appeal pursuant to section 197.335 only on the question of approval by operation 33 of law.
 - 197.367. Upon application for renewal by any residential care facility or assisted living facility which on the effective date of this act has been licensed for

3	more than five years, is licensed for more than fifty beds and fails to maintain for
4	any calendar year its occupancy level above thirty percent of its then licensed
5	beds, the department [of health and senior services] shall license only fifty beds
6	for such facility.
	[197.366. The term "health care facilities" in sections
2	197.300 to 197.366 shall mean:
3	(1) Facilities licensed under chapter 198;
4	(2) Long-term care beds in a hospital as described in
5	subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of section 198.012;
6	(3) Long-term care hospitals or beds in a long-term care
7	hospital meeting the requirements described in 42 CFR, section
8	412.23(e); and
9	(4) Construction of a new hospital as defined in chapter
10	197.]

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