## 2001 SESSION

## LEGISLATION NOT PREPARED BY DLS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL NO. 1385 Offered January 19, 2001

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-125.3, relating to licensed bed capacity in certain hospitals.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-125.3, as follows:

§ 32.1-125.3. Bed capacity and licensure in hospitals designated as critical access hospitals. Any medical care facility licensed as a hospital pursuant to this article that (i) has been certified, as provided in § 32.1-122.07, as a critical access hospital by the Commissioner of Health in compliance with the certification regulations promulgated by the Health Care Financing Administration pursuant to Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended, and (ii) has, as a result of the critical access certification, been required to reduce its licensed bed capacity to conform to the critical access certification requirement shall, upon termination of its critical access hospital certification, be licensed to operate at the licensed bed capacity in existence prior to the critical access hospital certification without being required to apply for and obtain a certificate of public need for such bed capacity in accordance with Article 1.1 (§ 32.1-102.1 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of this title.