HOUSE BILL NO. 1532

Offered January 18, 2008

A BILL to require the Commissioner of Health to accept applications and to authorize the Commissioner of Health to issue certificates of public need for certain nursing homes.

Patron—Hogan

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1.§ 1. Notwithstanding (i) the provisions of §§ 32.1-102.3 and 32.1-102.3:2 of the Code of Virginia, (ii) any regulations of the Board of Health establishing standards for the approval and issuance of Requests for Applications, and (iii) the provisions of any current Requests for Applications issued by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to § 32.1-102.3:2 of the Code of Virginia, the Commissioner of Health shall accept applications and may issue certificates of public need for nursing home beds that would result in a 50 percent increase in the number of licensed nursing home beds for each nursing home that has reported to Virginia Health Information an average annual occupancy rate of 99 percent or higher for fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2007, provided that the application is filed on or before December 1, 2008, and approved additional nursing home beds are not put into service prior to July 1, 2009.