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HOUSE BILL NO. 2453 Offered January 19, 2011

A BILL to require the Commissioner of Health to issue a Request for Applications for, and to authorize the Commissioner to issue a certificate of public need for, the addition of up to 50 nursing facility beds in Planning District 11.

Patron—Garrett

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 32.1-102.3:2 of the Code of Virginia, any regulations of the Board of Health, or provisions of any current Request for Applications, the State Health Commissioner shall issue a Request for Applications for the addition of up to 50 nursing facility beds in Planning District 11.

The Commissioner shall accept and review applications, including any application that meets the requirements of the Request for Applications that was submitted to the Department on or after January 1, 2011, and may issue a certificate of public need for the addition of up to 50 new nursing facility beds in Planning District 11 for any facility (i) the application for which also includes a proposal to replace all nursing home beds in an existing nursing home located in Planning District 11, which was licensed on December 31, 2010, for no more than 45 nursing facility beds, (ii) for which the addition of 50 nursing facility beds, in addition to the relocation of 45 existing nursing facility beds, will result in creation of a new facility with a total of no more than 95 nursing facility beds, (iii) for which the nonprofit organization established pursuant to Chapter 7.2 (§ 32.1-276.2 et seq.) of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia reported an occupancy rate of at least 85 percent for fiscal year 2009, and (iv) which shall be located in the city or county that is adjacent to the city or county in which the nursing facility from which 45 beds will be relocated is located.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.