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HOUSE BILL NO. 347

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-102.1 and 32.1-102.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to laser-assisted in-situ keratomileusis eye surgery; certificate of public need not required.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 32.1-102.1 and 32.1-102.1:1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-102.1. Definitions.

As used in this article, unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Certificate" means a certificate of public need for a project required by this article.

"Clinical health service" means a single diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, preventive or palliative procedure or a series of such procedures that may be separately identified for billing and accounting purposes.

"Health planning region" means a contiguous geographical area of the Commonwealth with a population base of at least 500,000 persons which is characterized by the availability of multiple levels of medical care services, reasonable travel time for tertiary care, and congruence with planning districts.

"Medical care facility," as used in this title, means any institution, place, building or agency, whether or not licensed or required to be licensed by the Board or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, whether operated for profit or nonprofit and whether privately owned or privately operated or owned or operated by a local governmental unit, (i) by or in which health services are furnished, conducted, operated or offered for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of human disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition, whether medical or surgical, of two or more nonrelated persons who are injured or physically sick or have mental illness, or for the care of two or more nonrelated persons requiring or receiving medical, surgical or nursing attention or services as acute, chronic, convalescent, aged, physically disabled or crippled or (ii) which is the recipient of reimbursements from third-party health insurance programs or prepaid medical service plans. For purposes of this article, only the following medical care facilities shall be subject to review:

1. General hospitals.

2. Sanitariums.

3. Nursing homes.

4. Intermediate care facilities, except those intermediate care facilities established for individuals with intellectual disability (ICF/MR) that have no more than 12 beds and are in an area identified as in need of residential services for individuals with intellectual disability in any plan of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

5. Extended care facilities.

6. Mental hospitals.

7. Facilities for individuals with intellectual disability.

8. Psychiatric hospitals and intermediate care facilities established primarily for the medical, psychiatric or psychological treatment and rehabilitation of individuals with substance abuse.

9. Specialized centers or clinics or that portion of a physician's office developed for the provision of outpatient or ambulatory surgery *other than laser-assisted in situ keratomileusis eye surgery*, cardiac catheterization, computed tomographic (CT) scanning, stereotactic radiosurgery, lithotripsy, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), magnetic source imaging (MSI), positron emission tomographic (PET) scanning, radiation therapy, stereotactic radiotherapy, proton beam therapy, nuclear medicine imaging, except for the purpose of nuclear cardiac imaging, or such other specialty services as may be designated by the Board by regulation.

10. Rehabilitation hospitals.

11. Any facility licensed as a hospital.

The term "medical care facility" does not include any facility of (i) the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; (ii) any nonhospital substance abuse residential treatment program operated by or contracted primarily for the use of a community services board under the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services' Comprehensive State Plan; (iii) an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disability (ICF/MR) that has no more than 12 beds and is in an

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59 area identified as in need of residential services for individuals with intellectual disability in any plan of
60 the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; (iv) a physician's office, except that
61 portion of a physician's office described in subdivision 9 of the definition of "medical care facility"; (v)
62 the Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative
63 Services; (vi) the Department of Corrections; or (vii) the Department of Veterans Services. "Medical
64 care facility" shall also not include that portion of a physician's office dedicated to providing nuclear
65 cardiac imaging.

66 "Project" means:

67 1. Establishment of a medical care facility;

68 2. An increase in the total number of beds or operating rooms in an existing medical care facility;

69 3. Relocation of beds from one existing *medical care* facility to another, provided that "project" does
70 not include the relocation of up to 10 beds or 10 percent of the beds, whichever is less, (i) from one
71 existing *medical care* facility to another existing *medical care* facility at the same site in any two-year
72 period, or (ii) in any three-year period, from one existing nursing home facility to any other existing
73 nursing home facility owned or controlled by the same person that is located either within the same
74 planning district, or within another planning district out of which, during or prior to that three-year
75 period, at least 10 times that number of beds have been authorized by statute to be relocated from one
76 or more *medical care* facilities located in that other planning district and at least half of those beds have
77 not been replaced, provided further that, however, a hospital shall not be required to obtain a certificate
78 for the use of 10 percent of its beds as nursing home beds as provided in § 32.1-132;

79 4. Introduction into an existing medical care facility of any new nursing home service, such as
80 intermediate care facility services, extended care facility services, or skilled nursing facility services,
81 regardless of the type of medical care facility in which those services are provided;

82 5. Introduction into an existing medical care facility of any new cardiac catheterization, computed
83 tomographic (CT) scanning, stereotactic radiosurgery, lithotripsy, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI),
84 magnetic source imaging (MSI), medical rehabilitation, neonatal special care, obstetrical, open heart
85 surgery, positron emission tomographic (PET) scanning, psychiatric, organ or tissue transplant service,
86 radiation therapy, stereotactic radiotherapy, proton beam therapy, nuclear medicine imaging, except for
87 the purpose of nuclear cardiac imaging, substance abuse treatment, or such other specialty clinical
88 services *other than laser-assisted in situ keratomileusis eye surgery* as may be designated by the Board
89 by regulation, which the facility has never provided or has not provided in the previous 12 months;

90 6. Conversion of beds in an existing medical care facility to medical rehabilitation beds or
91 psychiatric beds;

92 7. The addition by an existing medical care facility of any medical equipment for the provision of
93 cardiac catheterization, computed tomographic (CT) scanning, stereotactic radiosurgery, lithotripsy,
94 magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), magnetic source imaging (MSI), open heart surgery, positron
95 emission tomographic (PET) scanning, radiation therapy, stereotactic radiotherapy, proton beam therapy,
96 or other specialized service *other than laser-assisted in situ keratomileusis eye surgery* designated by the
97 Board by regulation. Replacement of existing equipment shall not require a certificate of public need;

98 8. Any capital expenditure of \$15 million or more, not defined as reviewable in subdivisions 1
99 through 7 of this definition, by or on behalf of a medical care facility other than a general hospital.
100 Capital expenditures of \$5 million or more by a general hospital and capital expenditures between \$5
101 and \$15 million by a medical care facility other than a general hospital shall be registered with the
102 Commissioner pursuant to regulations developed by the Board. The amounts specified in this subdivision
103 shall be revised effective July 1, 2008, and annually thereafter to reflect inflation using appropriate
104 measures incorporating construction costs and medical inflation. Nothing in this subdivision shall be
105 construed to modify or eliminate the reviewability of any project described in subdivisions 1 through 7
106 of this definition when undertaken by or on behalf of a general hospital; or

107 9. Conversion in an existing medical care facility of psychiatric inpatient beds approved pursuant to a
108 Request for Applications (RFA) to nonpsychiatric inpatient beds.

109 "Regional health planning agency" means the regional agency, including the regional health planning
110 board, its staff and any component thereof, designated by the Virginia Health Planning Board to perform
111 the health planning activities set forth in this chapter within a health planning region.

112 "State Medical Facilities Plan" means the planning document adopted by the Board of Health which
113 shall include, but not be limited to, (i) methodologies for projecting need for medical care facility beds
114 and services; (ii) statistical information on the availability of medical care facilities and services; and
115 (iii) procedures, criteria and standards for review of applications for projects for medical care facilities
116 and services.

117 **§ 32.1-102.1:1. Equipment registration required.**

118 Within ~~thirty~~ 30 calendar days of becoming contractually obligated to acquire any medical equipment
119 for the provision of cardiac catheterization, computed tomographic (CT) scanning, stereotactic
120 radiosurgery, lithotripsy, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), magnetic source imaging (MSI), open heart

121 surgery, positron emission tomographic (PET) scanning, radiation therapy, stereotactic radiotherapy,
122 proton beam therapy, or other specialized service *other than laser-assisted in situ keratomileusis eye*
123 *surgery* designated by the Board by regulation, any person shall register such purchase with the
124 Commissioner and the appropriate regional health planning agency.

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