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SENATE BILL NO. 134

Offered January 10, 2018 Prefiled December 20, 2017

A BILL to make certain hospital licenses effective until December 1, 2018.

Patron—Stanley

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- **1.** § 1. That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, any license issued to an acute care hospital located in Patrick County that was valid on September 1, 2017, and remained valid on December 31, 2017, despite the closure of such hospital prior to December 31, 2017, shall continue to remain valid until December 31, 2018.
- § 2. That, notwithstanding the requirements of § 32.1-102.3 of the Code of Virginia and regulations of the Board of Health, the recommencement of any project by an acute care hospital located in Patrick County that occurs as the result of the closure of an existing licensed hospital for which a certificate was previously issued or for which no certificate was required at the time at which the project was first commenced, and the subsequent sale and reestablishment of such hospital where such recommencement of such project occurs within one year of the date on which such hospital closed, shall not constitute a project for the purposes of issuance of a certificate of public need, and no certificate of public need shall be required for the recommencement of such project. However, any conditions imposed on any such certificate issued to the existing licensed hospital prior to its closure, sale, or reestablishment shall continue to be in effect until such time as the conditions are satisfied or a new certificate is issued for the hospital.
- 2. That the provisions of this act shall be effective retroactively to December 31, 2017.
 - 3. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.