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## HOUSE BILL NO. 671

House Amendments in [ ] — February 13, 1994

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-102.3:2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certificates of public need.*

Patrons—DeBoer, Ball, Brickley, Connally, Heilig, Melvin and Morgan; Senators: Andrews, Holland, C.A., Holland, E.M., Lambert, Schewel, Walker and Woods

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 32.1-102.3:2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-102.3:2. Certificates of public need; moratorium; exceptions.

The Commissioner of Health shall not approve, authorize or accept applications for the issuance of any certificate of public need pursuant to this article for any project which would result in an increase in the number of beds in which nursing facility or extended care services are provided through June 30, 1995 1996. However, the Commissioner may approve or authorize:

1. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a project for the (i) renovation or replacement on site of an existing facility or any part thereof or (ii) replacement off-site of an existing facility at a location within the same city or county and within reasonable proximity to the current site when replacement on the current site is proven infeasible, in accordance with the law, when a capital expenditure is required to comply with life safety codes, licensure, certification or accreditation standards. Under no circumstances shall the State Health Commissioner approve, authorize, or accept an application for the issuance of a certificate for any project which would result in the continued use of the facility replaced as a nursing facility.

2. The issuance of a certificate of public need for any project for the conversion on site of existing licensed beds to beds certified for skilled nursing services (SNF) when (i) the total number of beds to be converted does not exceed the lesser of twenty beds or ten percent of the beds in the facility; (ii) the facility has demonstrated that the SNF beds are needed specifically to serve a specialty heavy care patient population, such as ventilator-dependent and AIDS patients and that such patients otherwise will not have reasonable access to such services in existing or approved facilities; and (iii) the facility further commits to admit such patients on a priority basis once the SNF unit is certified and operational.

3. The issuance of a certificate of public need for any project for the conversion on site of existing beds in an adult care residence licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 63.1-172 et seq.) of Title 63.1 as of March 1, 1990, to beds certified as nursing facility beds when (i) the total number of beds to be converted does not exceed the lesser of thirty beds or twenty-five percent of the beds in the adult care residence; (ii) the adult care residence has demonstrated that nursing facility beds are needed specifically to serve a patient population of AIDS, or ventilator-dependent, or head and spinal cord injured patients, or any combination of the three, and that such patients otherwise will not have reasonable access to such services in existing or approved nursing facilities; (iii) the adult care residence further commits to admit such patients once the nursing facility beds are certified and operational; and (iv) the licensed adult care residence otherwise meets the standards for nursing facility beds as set forth in the regulations of the Board of Health. Notwithstanding the conditions required by this exception related to serving specific patient populations, an adult care residence which has obtained by January 1, 1991, a certificate of public need for a project for conversion on site of existing beds in its facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 63.1 as of March 1, 1990, to beds certified as nursing facility beds may use the beds converted to nursing facility beds pursuant to this exception for patient populations requiring specialized care of at least the same intensity which meet the criteria for the establishment of a specialized care nursing facility contract with the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

4. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a project in an existing nursing facility owned and operated by the governing body of a county when (i) the total number of new beds to be added by construction does not exceed the lesser of thirty beds or twenty-five percent of the existing nursing facility beds in the facility; (ii) the facility has demonstrated that the nursing facility beds are needed specifically to serve a specialty heavy care patient population, such as dementia, ventilator-dependent, and AIDS patients; and (iii) the facility has executed an agreement with a state-supported medical college to provide training in geriatric nursing.

5. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a nursing facility project located in the City of Staunton when (i) the total number of new beds to be constructed does not exceed thirty beds; (ii) the facility is owned by and will be operated as a nonprofit entity; and (iii) the project is proposed as part

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60 of a retirement community that is a continuing care provider registered with the State Corporation  
61 Commission pursuant to Chapter 49 (§ 38.2-4900 et seq.) of Title 38.2.

62 6. The issuance of a certificate of public need for any project for an increase in the number of beds  
63 in which nursing home or extended care services are provided, or the creation of new beds in which  
64 such services are to be provided, by any continuing care provider registered with the State Corporation  
65 Commission pursuant to Chapter 49 of Title 38.2, if (i) the total number of new or additional nursing  
66 home beds plus any existing nursing home beds operated by the provider does not exceed twenty  
67 percent of the continuing care provider's total existing or planned independent living and adult care  
68 residence population when the beds are to be added by new construction, or twenty-five beds when the  
69 beds are to be added by conversion on site of existing beds in an adult care residence licensed pursuant  
70 to Chapter 9 of Title 63.1; (ii) such beds are necessary to meet existing or reasonably anticipated  
71 obligations to provide care to present or prospective residents of the continuing care facility pursuant to  
72 continuing care contracts meeting the requirements of § 38.2-4905; (iii) the provider agrees in writing  
73 not to seek certification for the use of such new or additional beds by persons eligible to receive  
74 medical assistance services pursuant to Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act; (iv) the  
75 provider agrees in writing to obtain, prior to admission of every resident of the continuing care facility,  
76 the resident's written acknowledgment that the provider does not serve recipients of medical assistance  
77 services and that, in the event such resident becomes a medical assistance services recipient who is  
78 eligible for nursing facility placement, such resident shall not be eligible for placement in the provider's  
79 nursing facility unit; and (v) the provider agrees in writing that only continuing care contract holders  
80 will be admitted to the nursing home beds after the first three years of operation.

81 Further, if a certificate is approved pursuant to this subdivision, admissions to such new or additional  
82 beds shall be restricted for the first three years of operation to patients for whose care, pursuant to an  
83 agreement between the facility and the individual financially responsible for the patient, private payment  
84 will be made or persons who have entered into an agreement with the facility for continuing care  
85 contracts meeting the requirements of § 38.2-4905.

86 7. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a nursing facility project associated with a  
87 continuing care provider which did not operate a nursing home on January 1, 1993, and was registered  
88 as of January 1, 1993, with the State Corporation Commission pursuant to Chapter 49 of Title 38.2, if  
89 (i) the total number of new beds to be constructed does not exceed sixty beds; (ii) the facility is owned  
90 by and will be operated as a nonprofit entity; (iii) after the first three years of operation, the facility will  
91 admit only retired officers of the United States uniformed forces and their surviving spouses; (iv) the  
92 provider agrees in writing not to seek certification for the use of such beds by persons eligible to  
93 receive medical assistance services pursuant to Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act; and  
94 (v) the provider agrees in writing to obtain, prior to admission of every resident of the continuing care  
95 facility, the written acknowledgment that the provider does not serve recipients of medical assistance  
96 services and that, in the event such resident becomes a medical assistance services recipient who is  
97 eligible for nursing facility placement, such resident shall not be eligible for placement in the provider's  
98 nursing facility unit. Further, if a certificate is approved, pursuant to this subdivision, admissions to such  
99 beds shall be restricted to persons for whose care, pursuant to an agreement with the facility, private  
100 payment will be made or persons who have entered into an agreement with the facility for continuing  
101 care contracts meeting the requirements of § 38.2-4905.

102 8. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a nursing facility project located in the City of  
103 Norfolk if (i) the total number of beds to be constructed does not exceed 120 beds; (ii) the facility will  
104 replace an existing facility in the City of Chesapeake; (iii) the construction of the facility has been  
105 delayed by environmental contamination caused by leaking underground storage tanks; and (iv) the total  
106 capital costs of the facility will not exceed \$4,387,000.

107 Notwithstanding the foregoing and other provisions of Article 1.1 (§ 32.1-102.1 et seq.) of Chapter 4  
108 of this title, the state home for aged and infirm veterans authorized by Chapter 668, 1989 Acts of  
109 Assembly, shall be exempt from all the 1993 certificates of public need review requirements as a  
110 medical care facility.

111 **[ 2. That the Commissioner of Health, in cooperation with the Department of Medical Assistance**  
112 **Services and with other affected public and private entities, shall evaluate the continued need for**  
113 **the general moratorium on the issuance of certificates of public need for an increase in the**  
114 **number of beds in which nursing facility and extended care services are provided. The**  
115 **Commissioner shall report his findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and**  
116 **Human Resources and the Joint Commission on Health Care by November 1, 1994. ]**