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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1643**

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

Patrons—O'Bannon and Abbott

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) any current Requests for Applications issued pursuant to § 32.1-102.3:2 of the Code of Virginia, the Commissioner of Health shall accept and review applications and may issue certificates of public need for the addition of up to 10 Medicaid-eligible nursing home beds for a certified nursing home licensed for less than 60 beds, which is operated not for profit, is located in Planning District 15 but accepts patients from areas of the Commonwealth outside of the planning district, and provides care for patients regardless of ability to pay.

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