**HOUSE BILL NO. 2050** 

Offered January 9, 2019 Prefiled January 7, 2019 A BILL to exempt establishment of and related equipment for a freestanding diagnostic imaging center

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

from the demonstration of need requirement of a certificate of public need.

1. § 1. That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 32.1-102.3 of the Code of Virginia, the State Health Commissioner shall accept and review applications for and issue, without a determination that a public need has been demonstrated, a certificate of public need subject to such conditions as the State Health Commissioner may deem appropriate in accordance with the provisions of § 32.1-102.4 of the Code of Virginia, for the establishment of and related medical equipment for a freestanding diagnostic imaging center located in Planning District 15 that will provide diagnostic imaging services using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomographic (CT) scanning on an outpatient basis, provided that the applicant operates a practice owned exclusively by a physician who graduated from radiology residency in Virginia, is certified by the American Board of Radiology in diagnostic radiology with an additional certification of added qualification in neuroradiology, has a license to practice medicine in Virginia, and is not contracted with a Virginia-based hospital.