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HOUSE BILL NO. 849

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

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-102.3:2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-102.3:2. Certificates of public need; applications for increases in nursing home bed supplies to be filed in response to Requests For Applications (RFAs).

The Except for applications for continuing care retirement community nursing home bed projects filed by continuing care providers registered with the State Corporation Commission pursuant to Chapter 49 (§ 38.2-4900 et seq.) of Title 38.2, the Commissioner of Health shall not only 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, 1996 when such applications are filed in response to annually published Requests For Applications (RFAs). The annually published RFAs shall be jointly developed by the Department of Health and the Department of Medical Assistance Services and based on analyses of the need, or lack thereof, for increases in the nursing home bed supply in each of the Commonwealth's planning districts. The Commissioner shall only accept for review applications in response to such RFAs which conform with the geographic and bed need determinations of the specific RFA. 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

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60 construction does not exceed the lesser of thirty beds or twenty-five percent of the existing nursing
61 facility beds in the facility; (ii) the facility has demonstrated that the nursing facility beds are needed
62 specifically to serve a specialty heavy care patient population, such as dementia, ventilator-dependent,
63 and AIDS patients; and (iii) the facility has executed an agreement with a state-supported medical
64 college to provide training in geriatric nursing.

65 5. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a nursing facility project located in the City of
66 Staunton when (i) the total number of new beds to be constructed does not exceed thirty beds; (ii) the
67 facility is owned by and will be operated as a nonprofit entity; and (iii) the project is proposed as part
68 of a retirement community that is a continuing care provider registered with the State Corporation
69 Commission pursuant to Chapter 49 (§ 38.2-4900 et seq.) of Title 38.2.

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

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

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

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

115 9. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a project in an existing nonprofit nursing facility
116 located in the City of Lynchburg if (i) the current facility consists of four nursing units, with the two
117 nursing units constructed in 1969 to be retained; (ii) forty of the newly constructed beds will replace
118 existing eighteen two-bed and twenty two-bed units, built before 1915; (iii) the total number of beds to
119 be constructed does not exceed sixty beds, including forty existing and twenty new beds; (iv) the area
120 around the construction site has been identified by the local governing body for major renovation and
121 revitalization; and (v) the project is the subject of a memorandum of agreement between the local

122 governing body and the applicant, pursuant to which, the local governing body agrees to make certain
123 improvements to the area of the project's location.

124 10. The issuance of a certificate of public need for an increase in the number of beds in which
125 nursing facility or extended care services are provided or the creation of new beds in which such
126 services are to be provided in the City of Virginia Beach by an association described in § 55-458
127 created in connection with a real estate cooperative for which an application for registration was filed as
128 required by § 55-497 prior to January 1, 1994, which offers a level of nursing services to its residents
129 consistent with the definition of continuing care in § 38.2-4900 if (i) the total number of new or
130 additional nursing care beds plus any existing nursing care beds operated by the association does not
131 exceed twenty percent of the number of total existing or planned cooperative units when beds are to be
132 added by new construction or by conversion on site of existing beds in a licensed adult care residence;
133 (ii) such beds are necessary to meet existing or reasonably anticipated obligations to provide nursing
134 care to present or prospective residents of the cooperative units pursuant to a written agreement with the
135 association; (iii) the association agrees in writing not to seek certification for the use of any such beds
136 by persons eligible to receive medical assistance services pursuant to Title XIX of the United States
137 Social Security Act; (iv) the association agrees in writing to obtain, prior to each resident's occupancy of
138 a cooperative unit, the resident's written acknowledgment that the association does not serve recipients of
139 medical assistance services and that in the event such resident becomes a medical assistance services
140 recipient who is eligible for nursing facility placement such resident shall not be eligible for placement
141 in the association's nursing facility unit; (v) the association agrees in writing that only residents of
142 cooperative units will be admitted to the nursing care beds after the first three years of operation as a
143 nursing care facility; and (vi) the association complies with the disclosure requirements for continuing
144 care providers pursuant to Chapter 49 of Title 38.2.

145 11. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a nursing facility project located in the City of
146 Charlottesville if (i) the total number of beds to be converted from hospital to nursing facility use does
147 not exceed thirty beds; (ii) the facility will provide nursing services to patients committed to, transferred to,
148 or discharged from facilities owned by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
149 Substance Abuse Services and from any psychiatric hospital located in the City of Charlottesville or
150 Albemarle County; and (iii) the facility has executed an agreement with the Department of Mental
151 Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to provide such services.

152 12. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a nursing facility project located in Montgomery
153 County if (i) the total number of beds to be constructed does not exceed sixty beds; (ii) the facility has
154 entered into a partnership with several public institutions of higher education to establish a gerontology
155 center for the conduct of research and the education of professionals; and (iii) the nursing facility beds
156 will be an integral part of an existing health care institution which has a mission of providing a
157 continuum of care as recorded in its 100-year plan.

158 13. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a nursing facility project located in the Town of
159 Colonial Beach if (i) the total number of beds to be converted from adult care residence to nursing
160 facility use does not exceed seven; (ii) the facility is owned by a nonprofit health care center located in
161 Fredericksburg; and (iii) the total number of new or additional beds plus existing nursing facility beds
162 operated by the facility will not exceed sixty.

163 14. The issuance of a certificate of public need to a nursing facility in Ashland, Virginia, currently
164 operating at ninety-nine percent occupancy to convert ten private rooms to semiprivate, thereby adding
165 ten beds to an existing fifty-bed wing to promote efficiency of operations and improve access for area
166 residents if the total capital expenditures will not exceed \$15,000.

167 15. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a nursing facility project located in an existing
168 facility which currently contains 325 "independent living" units with home health services available,
169 seventy-five assisted living units, and thirty-one nursing facility beds, only five of which are certified for
170 use by persons eligible to receive medical assistance services pursuant to Title XIX of the United States
171 Social Security Act if (i) the total number of beds to be constructed does not exceed thirty beds, (ii) the
172 facility agrees in writing not to seek certification for the use of any such beds by persons eligible to
173 receive medical assistance services pursuant to Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act, (iii)
174 such beds are necessary to meet existing or reasonably anticipated obligations to provide nursing care to
175 present or prospective residents of this retirement community, and (iv) the retirement community agrees
176 in writing that only residents of the retirement community will be admitted to such nursing facility beds
177 after the first three years of operation.

178 16. The issuance of a certificate of public need for a project in an existing facility located in Scott
179 County for the conversion on site of existing beds in an adult care residence licensed pursuant to
180 Chapter 9 (§ 63.1-172 et seq.) of Title 63.1 as of October 1, 1994, to beds certified as nursing facility
181 beds when (i) the total number of beds to be converted does not exceed the lesser of thirty beds or
182 twenty-five percent of the beds in the adult care residence; (ii) the adult care residence has demonstrated

183 that nursing facility beds are needed specifically to serve a population of patients having Alzheimer's
184 Disease or related disorders and that such patients will not otherwise have reasonable access to such
185 services in existing or approved nursing facilities; (iii) the adult care residence will restrict admissions to
186 such patients once the nursing facility beds are certified and operational; and (iv) the licensed adult care
187 residence otherwise meets the standards for nursing facility beds as set forth in the regulations of the
188 Board of Health.

189 17. The issuance of a certificate of public need in an existing nursing facility project if (i) the
190 facility's total number of beds will not exceed sixty beds, including existing beds and those proposed;
191 (ii) the space in the existing nursing facility in which the proposed additional beds will be located has
192 never been occupied by any licensed beds; and (iii) the total direct capital costs associated with the
193 proposed project will not exceed \$10,000.

194 18. The issuance of a certificate of public need to a nonprofit nursing facility project located in
195 Henrico County that is designed to provide a continuum of care for patients with Alzheimer's Disease
196 and related disorders if (i) the project was under construction January 1, 1995, and will be ready for
197 occupancy no later than June 1, 1996; (ii) not less than thirty of the newly constructed beds will be
198 designated and retained as private-pay beds; and (iii) the total number of beds to be constructed does not
199 exceed sixty beds.

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