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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Health Policy (Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory amendment)

Delete lines 225 - 236

and insert:

~~(c) An increase in the number of beds for comprehensive rehabilitation.~~

(2) PROJECTS SUBJECT TO EXPEDITED REVIEW.—Unless exempt pursuant to subsection (3), the following projects are subject to expedited review:

(a) Transfer of a certificate of need, ~~except that when an~~



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11 ~~existing hospital is acquired by a purchaser, all certificates~~
12 ~~of need issued to the hospital which are not yet operational~~
13 ~~shall be acquired by the purchaser without need for a transfer.~~
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15 The agency shall develop rules to implement the expedited review
16 process, including time schedule, application content that may
17 be reduced from the full requirements of s. 408.037(1), and
18 application processing.

19 (3) EXEMPTIONS.—Upon request, the following projects are
20 subject to exemption from the provisions of subsection (1):

21 ~~(i) For the addition of hospital beds licensed under~~
22 ~~chapter 395 for comprehensive rehabilitation in a number that~~
23 ~~may not exceed 10 total beds or 10 percent of the licensed~~
24 ~~capacity, whichever is greater.~~

25 ~~1. In addition to any other documentation otherwise~~
26 ~~required by the agency, a request for exemption submitted under~~
27 ~~this paragraph must:~~

28 ~~a. Certify that the prior 12-month average occupancy rate~~
29 ~~for the licensed beds being expanded meets or exceeds 80~~
30 ~~percent.~~

31 ~~b. Certify that the beds have been licensed and operational~~
32 ~~for at least 12 months.~~

33 ~~2. The timeframes and monitoring process specified in s.~~
34 ~~408.040(2)(a)-(c) apply to any exemption issued under this~~
35 ~~paragraph.~~

36 ~~3. The agency shall count beds authorized under this~~
37 ~~paragraph as approved beds in the published inventory of~~
38 ~~hospital beds until the beds are licensed.~~
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40 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====
41 And the directory clause is amended as follows:
42 Delete lines 212 - 213
43 and insert:
44 Section 8. Paragraphs (c) and (e) of subsection (1)
45 paragraph (a) of subsection (2), and paragraph (i) of subsection
46 (3) of section 408.036, Florida Statutes, are