

Hall of the House of Representatives
94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1127

TO CREATE THE RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITAL ACT; AND TO AUTHORIZE LICENSURE OF RURAL
EMERGENCY HOSPITALS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1127

Amend House Bill No. 1127 as originally introduced:

Add Senator Irvin as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete line 10, and substitute "THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO DECLARE
AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO CREATE THE RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITAL
ACT; TO AUTHORIZE THE LICENSURE OF RURAL
EMERGENCY HOSPITALS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 3, line 13, delete "1,000.00" and substitute "500.00"

AND

Page 5, delete line 12, and substitute the following:
"reimbursed.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that rural hospitals in Arkansas
are in financial distress; that the designation of a rural emergency hospital
created by the United States government can provide much needed financial
relief to rural hospitals in Arkansas by providing access to enhanced
reimbursement codes; and that this act is immediately necessary to keep rural



hospitals in this state open and avoid the immediate risk of closure of rural hospitals that help preserve the health of the citizens of this state as well as to preserve the healthcare infrastructure in Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative L. Johnson
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