

State of Arkansas

76th General Assembly

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SENATE BILL 270

By: Senators Benham, Howell, Beebe and Nelson

"AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. It is the purpose and intent of this Act to abolish the Certificate of Need Program in this State, but it is not the intent of this Act to otherwise limit the regulation of health care facilities.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of Act 980 of 1985, the same being Arkansas Statute 82-345.1; Section 5 of Act 558 of 1975, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 82-2311; and subsection (e) of Section 6 of Act 558 of 1975, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 82-2312(e) are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the Certificate of Need Program is no longer necessary in this State; that the Certificate of Need Program has become unduly burdensome; that this Act abolishes the Certificate of Need Program and until it goes into effect unreasonable limitations will be placed upon the delivery of essential health services to the people of this State. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

