

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1021

By: Representative Mills

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 20-8-106(b)(2) TO ALLOW HOSPITALS WITH FIFTY BEDS OR LESS TO CONVERT BEDS TO NURSING HOME BEDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-8-106(b)(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(2) A conversion of services offered in an existing health facility or alteration or renovation of an existing health facility having an associated capital expenditure of less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for hospitals or less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for nursing homes and not resulting in additional bed capacity shall not require a permit of approval if the requirements of §§20-9-201 et seq. and 20-10-201 et seq. have been met and a copy of the conversion plan is filed with the agency. However, the commission shall not allow one classification of licensure to be changed to a different classification of licensure except hospitals with fifty (50) beds or less shall be allowed to convert hospital beds to nursing home beds and shall not be subject to the moratorium in 20-8-106(a)(1) if they are located in counties where there is an identified need for additional nursing home beds, and licenses are not transferable from one entity to another. The beds converted pursuant to this subsection shall not entitle the hospital to additional Medicaid reimbursement for nursing home care."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that certain counties are in desperate need of additional nursing

home beds. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being 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.

