



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2368

Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Lamont J. Robinson, Jr.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 85/6.28 new

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that, on or after July 1, 2020, any hospital system consisting of 3 or more hospitals with combined revenues that exceed \$500,000,000 that closes a hospital that serves an impoverished area shall repay the specified hospital access payments received by the closing hospital in the 24 months prior to closing. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall determine the amount to be repaid and send a notice to the closing hospital within 14 days after notification of closing to the Department. Requires that the funds be divided evenly and paid to the other safety net hospitals in the closing hospital's 15-mile radius by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and used by the remaining safety net hospitals to assist in maintaining the local area health care needs. Defines "impoverished area". Provides for repeal of the provisions on January 1, 2022. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 6.28 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/6.28 new)

7 Sec. 6.28. Hospital closure; impoverished areas.

8 (a) In this Section, "impoverished area" means a community  
9 that contains one or more zip codes wherein 20% or more of the  
10 residents fall below the federal poverty level as determined  
11 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the  
12 authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

13 (b) On or after July 1, 2020, any hospital system  
14 consisting of 3 or more hospitals with combined revenues that  
15 exceed \$500,000,000 that closes a hospital that serves an  
16 impoverished area shall repay the hospital access payments  
17 received by the closing hospital pursuant to Section 5A-12.6  
18 (now repealed) or Section 5A-12.7 of the Public Aid Code in the  
19 24 months prior to closing. The Department shall determine the  
20 amount to be repaid and send a notice to the closing hospital  
21 within 14 days after notification of closing to the  
22 Department. The funds shall be divided evenly and paid to the  
23 other safety net hospitals in the closing hospital's 15-mile

1 radius by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.  
2 These funds shall be used by the remaining safety net  
3 hospitals to assist in maintaining the local area health care  
4 needs.

5 (b) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2021.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.