



Human Services Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 614

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 614 by replacing  
3 lines 25 and 26 on page 8, all of page 9, and line 1 on page 10  
4 with the following:

5 "(6) Alternative health care model; long term acute  
6 care hospital conversion. A long term acute care hospital  
7 conversion is a Long Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH)  
8 created by converting a facility or a portion of a facility  
9 previously licensed as a long-term care facility under the  
10 Nursing Home Care Act. This model shall allow for a maximum  
11 of 4 such LTACH conversions, one of which shall be located  
12 in the area of Illinois within the St. Louis Metropolitan  
13 Statistical Area. The LTACH conversions shall each have no  
14 more than 60 beds and provide services to patients whose  
15 medical condition requires long-term medical care as  
16 described in Section 1886(d)(i)(B)(n) of the Social  
17 Security Act as hospitals that have an average Medicare  
18 inpatient length of stay greater than 25 days. The LTACH

1       conversion shall provide extended medical and  
2       rehabilitative care, such as but not limited to  
3       comprehensive rehabilitation, respiratory therapy, cancer  
4       treatment, head trauma treatment, and pain management, for  
5       patients who are clinically complex and may suffer from  
6       multiple acute or chronic conditions. Facilities licensed  
7       under this model shall be exempt from the requirements of  
8       the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The  
9       Department shall adopt rules specifying criteria,  
10       standards, and procedures for the establishment,  
11       licensure, and operation of LTACH conversions as  
12       authorized under this Act. These rules shall create a new  
13       category of licensure, which shall be consistent with the  
14       LTACH requirements under the applicable provisions of the  
15       Social Security Act to ensure that the LTACH conversions  
16       can be certified under Medicare to provide such services.  
17       The Department shall also adopt rules that identify the  
18       applicable building codes for licensure of LTACH  
19       conversions. The rules shall allow existing licensed and  
20       certified buildings to be reviewed under "existing  
21       construction" standards in the applicable codes. For  
22       purposes of this Act, the facility must maintain a 2-hour  
23       separation in accordance with the applicable construction  
24       codes, for purposes of fire safety. This separation may be  
25       vertical, horizontal, or a combination of both. For the  
26       purpose of defining a horizontal building separation, a

1       barrier of 2.5 inches or more of concrete, or any other  
2       tested assembly that has a rating of 2 hours or more, will  
3       be acceptable.

4           The Department shall adopt the rules implementing this  
5       model within 6 months after the effective date of this  
6       amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If the  
7       Department fails to adopt rules by the required date, the  
8       Department shall proceed with licensure utilizing the  
9       applicable Medicare conditions of participation."; and

10       on page 10, after line 2, by inserting the following:

11           "Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12       becoming law.".