

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB5359

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 85/4.5

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that a hospital located in a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants may apply to the Department of Public Health for approval to conduct its operations from more than one location within the county under a single license if the distance between each location to be combined under one license is no more than one mile. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

- Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by changing Section 4.5 as follows:
- 6 (210 ILCS 85/4.5)

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- Sec. 4.5. Hospital with multiple locations; single license.
- 9 (a) A hospital located in a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants may apply to the Department for approval to conduct its operations from more than one location within the county under a single license.
 - (a-5) A hospital located in a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants may apply to the Department for approval to conduct its operations from more than one location within the county under a single license if the distance between each location to be combined under one license is no more than one mile.
 - (b) The facilities or buildings at those locations must be owned or operated together by a single corporation or other legal entity serving as the licensee and must share:
- 21 (1) a single board of directors with responsibility for 22 governance, including financial oversight and the 23 authority to designate or remove the chief executive

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- (2) a single medical staff accountable to the board of directors and governed by a single set of medical staff bylaws, rules, and regulations with responsibility for the quality of the medical services; and
 - (3) a single chief executive officer, accountable to the board of directors, with management responsibility.
- (c) Each hospital building or facility that is located on a site geographically separate from the campus or premises of another hospital building or facility operated by the licensee must, at a minimum, individually comply with the Department's hospital licensing requirements for emergency services.
- The hospital shall submit to the Department (d) comprehensive plan in relation to the waiver or waivers requested describing the services and operations of each facility or building and how common services or operations will be coordinated between the various locations. With exception of items required by subsection (c), the Department is authorized to waive compliance with the hospital licensing requirements for specific buildings or facilities, provided that the hospital has documented which other building or facility under its single license provides that service or operation, and that doing so would not endanger the public's health, safety, or welfare. Nothing in this Section relieves a hospital from the requirements of the Health Facilities Planning Act.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 89-171, eff. 7-19-95.)
- 2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 3 becoming law.