BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 523 (First Reading File Bill)

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 9, inclusive, and substitute:

"(7) SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (5)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A HOSPITAL MAY ACQUIRE A FREESTANDING AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY OR OFFICE OF ONE OR MORE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS OR A GROUP PRACTICE WITH ONE OR MORE OPERATING ROOMS USED PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AMBULATORY SURGICAL SERVICES IF THE FACILITY, OFFICE, OR GROUP PRACTICE:

(I) HAS OBTAINED A CERTIFICATE OF NEED;

(II) HAS OBTAINED AN EXEMPTION FROM CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS; OR

(III) DID NOT REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF NEED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AMBULATORY SURGICAL SERVICES AFTER JUNE 1, 1995.".