
By: **Delegate Hurson**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Certificate of Need - Health Care Facilities - Closing of Hospital**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law related to the requirement of
4 obtaining a certificate of need before closing certain health care facilities;
5 providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to obtaining a
6 certificate of need for closing a health care facility.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Health - General
9 Section 19-115(l)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Health - General**

15 19-115.

16 (l) A certificate of need is not required to close any hospital or part of a
17 hospital as defined in § 19-301 of this title if:

18 (1) At least 45 days before closing, written notice of intent to close, THAT
19 INCLUDES A PLAN ACCEPTED BY THE WORKERS OF THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY TO
20 SATISFY ALL STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPLACED WORKERS, is
21 filed with the Commission;

22 (2) The Commission in its sole discretion finds that the proposed closing
23 is not inconsistent with the State health plan or the institution-specific plan
24 developed by the Commission and is in the public interest; and

25 (3) Within 45 days of receiving notice the Commission notifies the health
26 care facility of its findings.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 1999.