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By: **Senators Astle and Jimeno**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need - Obstetric Medical Services**

3 FOR the purpose of removing obstetric medical services from the requirements for  
4 certificates of need for health care facilities issued by the Maryland Health Care  
5 Commission; and generally relating to obstetric services and requirements for  
6 certificates of need for health care facilities.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Health - General  
9 Section 19-120(a)(4)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 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 19-120.

16 (a) (4) "Medical service" means:

17 (i) Any of the following categories of health care services:

18 1. Medicine, surgery, gynecology, addictions;

19 2. [Obstetrics;

20 3.] Pediatrics;

21 [4.] 3. Psychiatry;

22 [5.] 4. Rehabilitation;

23 [6.] 5. Chronic care;

- 1 [7.] 6. Comprehensive care;
- 2 [8.] 7. Extended care;
- 3 [9.] 8. Intermediate care; or
- 4 [10.] 9. Residential treatment; or

5 (ii) Any subcategory of the rehabilitation, psychiatry,  
6 comprehensive care, or intermediate care categories of health care services for which  
7 need is projected in the State health plan.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
9 effect October 1, 2005.