

HOUSE BILL 1503

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By: **Kent County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 20, 2008

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Certificate of Need – Hospital Closure**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certificate of need for certain hospital closures in
4 certain counties; repealing a requirement for a certain public hearing; and
5 generally relating to certificate of need requirements for hospital closures.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Health – General
8 Section 19–120(1)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Health – General**

14 19–120.

15 (1) (1) [A] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
16 **SUBSECTION, 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] **AT** least 45 days before the closing or partial closing of a
19 hospital, including a State hospital, a person proposing to close all or part of the
20 hospital files notice of the proposed closing or partial closing with the Commission[;
21 and].

22 (2) [For a hospital located in a county with fewer than three hospitals,
23 within 30 days after receipt of the notice of intent to close, the hospital, in consultation

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 with the Commission, holds a public informational hearing in the county where the
2 hospital is located.] **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS**
3 **SECTION, A CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS REQUIRED TO CLOSE ANY HOSPITAL OR**
4 **PART OF A HOSPITAL IN A COUNTY WITH FEWER THAN THREE HOSPITALS.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2008.