

effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1015.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1015

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Care Commission - Certificate of Need - Health Care Facilities

FOR the purpose of altering the level of capital expenditures made by or on behalf of a hospital or a ~~related institution~~ health care facility other than a hospital that ~~require~~ requires a certificate of need; providing that a certificate of need is not required for a certain capital expenditure by a hospital or a certain plant donated to a hospital, if the Maryland Health Care Commission has not made a certain financial determination within a certain time period; ~~repealing a requirement that, to be exempted from~~ altering a certain exemption from the requirement to obtain a certificate of need to close a hospital or part of a hospital, ~~a hospital hold a certain public hearing~~; and generally relating to certificate of need requirements for health care facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-120(a) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

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

Article - Health - General

19-120.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) "Limited service hospital" means a health care facility that:
 - (i) Is licensed as a hospital on or after January 1, 1999;