

SB 613 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **613**

AN ACT relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities established within a 15 mile radius of a critical access hospital.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Reardon, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill requires a health care facility to provide certified, written notice to a critical access hospital if the facility will be located within a 15 mile radius of the critical access hospital.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities established within a 15 mile radius of a critical access hospital.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Title. This act shall be known as the "Rural Health Care System Stabilization Act".
- 2 2 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; License or Registration Required. RSA 151:4-
- 3 a, II(a) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
- 4 II.(a) Any person or entity proposing to establish an ambulatory surgical center, emergency
- 5 medical care center, hospital, birthing center, drop-in or walk-in care center, dialysis center, or
- 6 special health care service within a radius of 15 miles of the primary physical location of a New
- 7 Hampshire hospital certified as a critical access hospital pursuant to 42 C.F.R 485.610(b) and (c),
- 8 shall give written notice of the intent to establish the health care facility within a 15 mile radius of
- 9 the critical access hospital. The notice shall include a description of the facility and any health care
- 10 services to be established and shall be sent by certified mail to the chief executive of the critical
- 11 access hospital.
- 12 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.