

SB 18 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SENATE BILL **18**

AN ACT permitting the commissioner of health and human services to authorize additional beds for a pediatric intermediate care facility under certain circumstances.

SPONSORS: Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. Weber, Ches. 5; Rep. Nagel, Belk. 6

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the commissioner of health and human services to increase the bed capacity of a pediatric intermediate care facility with the approval of the joint fiscal committee.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; License or Registration Required; Pediatric
2 Intermediate Care Facility; Bed Capacity. Amend RSA 151:2, VI(a) to read as follows:

3 VI.(a)(1) No new license shall be issued for, and there shall be no increase in licensed
4 capacity of, any nursing home, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or rehabilitation
5 facility, including rehabilitation hospitals and facilities offering comprehensive rehabilitation
6 services. This moratorium shall not apply to any rehabilitation facility whose sole purpose is to treat
7 individuals for substance use disorder or mental health issues or to any continuing care facility for
8 which a certificate of authority has been issued by the insurance commissioner pursuant to RSA 420-
9 D:2.

10 (2) Provided however, effective July 1, 2023, any pediatric intermediate care facility,
11 established before the effective date of this subparagraph is authorized to house 2 additional
12 pediatric residents beyond its licensed capacity prior to that date, with this authorization to expire
13 June 30, 2026. ***Notwithstanding the moratorium established in subparagraph (a)(1), the***
14 ***commissioner of health and human services may assess the capacity of any pediatric***
15 ***intermediate care facility and report any need for additional beds to the standing policy***
16 ***committees of the house and senate with jurisdiction over health and human services and***
17 ***the fiscal committee of the general court. If the commissioner determines additional beds***
18 ***are necessary, the commissioner may increase a pediatric intermediate care facility's***
19 ***number of licensed beds upon approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.***

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.