

HB 223 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate within 15 miles of a critical access hospital.

SPONSORS: Rep. McLean, Hills. 15; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill exempts ambulatory surgical centers, emergency medical care centers, birthing centers, drop-in or walk-in care centers, dialysis centers, and special health care services from the notice and consent requirements for establishment within 15 miles of a 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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five

AN ACT relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate within 15 miles of a critical access hospital.

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

1 1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the "Rural Health Care Accessibility Act".

2 2 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; License or Registration Required. Amend
3 RSA 151:4-a, II(a) to read as follows:

4 II.(a) Any person or entity proposing to establish ~~[an ambulatory surgical center, emergency~~
5 ~~medical care center,]~~ a 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 a health care facility within a 15 mile radius with
9 a description of the facility ~~[or special health care service]~~ to the chief executive officer of the hospital
10 by certified mail.

11 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.