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HOUSE BILL 1060
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/6/05

Short Title: Hospital License/Conforming Change.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 31, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL"
3 TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL LAW.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 131E-76(1a) reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 131E-76. Definitions.**

7 As used in this article, unless otherwise specified:

8 ...

9 (1a) "Critical access hospital" means a hospital which has been designated
10 as a critical access hospital by the North Carolina Department of
11 Health and Human Services, Office of Research, Demonstrations and
12 Rural Health Development. To be designated as a critical access
13 hospital under this subdivision, the hospital must ~~meet the~~
14 ~~requirements of federal law for certification as a critical access~~
15 ~~hospital~~ be certified as a critical access hospital pursuant to 42 CFR
16 Part 485 Subpart F. The North Carolina Department of Health and
17 Human Services, Office of Research, Demonstrations, and Rural
18 Health Development may designate a hospital located in a
19 Metropolitan Statistical Area as a rural hospital for the purposes of the
20 critical access hospital program if the hospital is located in a county
21 with twenty-five percent (25%) or more rural residents as defined by
22 the most recent United States decennial census."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.