Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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11	The Council for Healthy Communities offered the following:
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13	Amendment (with title amendment)
14	On page 128, between lines 4 and 5 of the bill
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16	insert: Section 65. Notwithstanding the establishment of
17	need as provided for in chapter 408, no certificate of need
18	for additional community nursing home beds shall be approved
19	by the agency until July 1, 2006. The Legislature finds that
20	the continued growth in the Medicaid budget for nursing home
21	care has constrained the ability of the state to meet the
22	needs of its older citizens through the use of less
23	restrictive and less institutional methods of long-term care.
24	It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to limit the
25	increase in Medicaid nursing home expenditures in order to
26	provide funds to invest in long-term care which is
27	community-based and provides supportive services in a manner
28	that is both more cost-effective and more in keeping with the
29	wishes and desires of the elderly residents of this state.
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    And the title is amended as follows:
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           On page 7, line 6 after the semicolon
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    and insert in lieu thereof:
           prohibiting the issuance of a certificate of
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           need for additional nursing home beds;
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           providing intent;
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