

Amendment No. 01 (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Alexander offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 1, between lines 29 and 30 of the bill

insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (r) is added to subsection (3) of section 408.036, Florida Statutes, to read:

408.036 Projects subject to review.--

(3) EXEMPTIONS.--Upon request, the following projects are subject to exemption from the provisions of subsection (1):

(r) For the provision of adult open heart surgery services in a hospital, the request for an exemption must comply with the following criteria:

1. The hospital must have at least 390 licensed beds as of the date of the exemption request.

2. The hospital shall demonstrate, for the twelve month period ending one month prior to the date of the exemption request, at least 400 admissions to the hospital through its emergency room of patients with the primary

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1 diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction, and the performance
2 of at least 1,000 diagnostic and therapeutic cardiac
3 catheterizations.

4 3. The hospital shall certify that its provision of
5 open heart surgery services will be offered in conjunction
6 with a therapeutic cardiac catheterization program, will be
7 available to all patients without regard as to ability to pay,
8 will maintain sufficient and appropriate equipment and staff
9 to ensure quality and safety, will be available 24 hours a
10 day, 7 days a week, and will maintain appropriate volumes as
11 reasonably necessary to ensure quality and safety.

12 4. The exemption shall terminate if the agency
13 determines that the hospital has failed to comply with the
14 certifications set forth in subparagraph 3. In the event the
15 exemption terminates, the hospital will not again be eligible
16 to apply for an exemption until two years following the date
17 of termination.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 1, line 8, after the semicolon,

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24 insert:

25 amending s. 408.036, F.S.; authorizing certain
26 facilities to request exemption from the
27 certificate of need process;

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