

By Senators Clary, Brown-Waite, Klein and Campbell

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to certificates of need;  
amending s. 408.036, F.S.; exempting certain  
open-heart-surgery programs from  
certificate-of-need review requirements;  
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (t) 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):

(t) For the provision of adult open-heart surgery  
services in a hospital. The applicant must certify that it  
will provide a minimum of 2 percent of such services to  
charity or Medicaid patients.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Exempts provision of adult open-heart-surgery services in  
a hospital from certificate-of-need review when the  
hospital certifies that it will provide at least 2  
percent of such services to charity or Medicaid patients.