

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to certificates of need; amending s.
 3 408.0361, F.S.; revising provisions applicable to
 4 hospitals seeking certification as Level I programs;
 5 providing criteria for certification to provide certain
 6 Level I cardiology services; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section
 11 408.0361, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5),
 12 (6), and (7), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to
 13 that section to read:

14 408.0361 Cardiology services and burn unit licensure.--
 15 (4) In order to ensure continuity of available services,
 16 the holder of a certificate of need for a newly licensed
 17 hospital that meets the requirements of this subsection may
 18 apply for and shall be granted Level I program status regardless
 19 of whether rules relating to Level I programs have been adopted.
 20 To qualify for a Level I program under this subsection, a
 21 hospital seeking a Level I program must be a newly licensed
 22 hospital established pursuant to a certificate of need in a
 23 physical location previously licensed and operated as a
 24 hospital, the former hospital must have provided a minimum of
 25 300 adult inpatient and outpatient diagnostic cardiac
 26 catheterizations for the most recent 12-month period as reported
 27 to the agency, and the newly licensed hospital must have a
 28 formalized, written transfer agreement with a hospital that has

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29 a Level II program, including written transport protocols to
30 ensure safe and efficient transfer of a patient within 60
31 minutes. A hospital meeting the requirements of this subsection
32 may apply for certification of Level I program status before
33 taking possession of the physical location of the former
34 hospital, and the effective date of Level I program status shall
35 be concurrent with the effective date of the newly issued
36 hospital license.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.