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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Hudson offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 980 and 981, insert:

5 Section 16. Subsection (43) of section 408.07, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 408.07 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, with the
8 exception of ss. 408.031-408.045, the term:

9 (43) "Rural hospital" means an acute care hospital
10 licensed under chapter 395, having 100 or fewer licensed beds
11 and an emergency room, and which is:

12 (a) The sole provider within a county with a population
13 density of no greater than 100 persons per square mile;

14 (b) An acute care hospital, in a county with a population
15 density of no greater than 100 persons per square mile, which is
16 at least 30 minutes of travel time, on normally traveled roads

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17 under normal traffic conditions, from another acute care
18 hospital within the same county;

19 (c) A hospital supported by a tax district or subdistrict
20 whose boundaries encompass a population of 100 persons or fewer
21 per square mile;

22 (d) A hospital with a service area that has a population
23 of 100 persons or fewer per square mile. As used in this
24 paragraph, the term "service area" means the fewest number of
25 zip codes that account for 75 percent of the hospital's
26 discharges for the most recent 5-year period, based on
27 information available from the hospital inpatient discharge
28 database in the Florida Center for Health Information and Policy
29 Analysis at the Agency for Health Care Administration; or

30 (e) A critical access hospital.

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32 Population densities used in this subsection must be based upon
33 the most recently completed United States census. A hospital
34 that received funds under s. 409.9116 for a quarter beginning no
35 later than July 1, 2002, is deemed to have been and shall
36 continue to be a rural hospital from that date through June 30,
37 2015 ~~2012~~, if the hospital continues to have 100 or fewer
38 licensed beds and an emergency room, or meets the criteria of s.
39 395.602(2)(e)4. An acute care hospital that has not previously
40 been designated as a rural hospital and that meets the criteria
41 of this subsection shall be granted such designation upon
42 application, including supporting documentation, to the Agency
43 for Health Care Administration.

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Remove line 53 and insert:
proceedings; amending s. 408.07, F.S.; providing an additional
3-year transition period for certain hospitals to retain their
designation as rural hospitals; amending s. 408.803, F.S.;
revising