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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 164 and 165, insert:

5 Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
6 395.602, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 395.602 Rural hospitals.--

8 (2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this part:

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

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

14 2. 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 any other acute care
18 hospital within the same county;

19 3. 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 4. A hospital in a constitutional charter county with a
23 population of over 1 million persons that has imposed a local
24 option health service tax pursuant to law and in an area that
25 was directly impacted by a catastrophic event on August 24,
26 1992, for which the Governor of Florida declared a state of
27 emergency pursuant to chapter 125, and has 120 beds or less that
28 serves an agricultural community with an emergency room
29 utilization of no less than 20,000 visits and a Medicaid
30 inpatient utilization rate greater than 15 percent;

31 5. A hospital with a service area that has a population of
32 100 persons or fewer per square mile. As used in this
33 subparagraph, the term "service area" means the fewest number of
34 zip codes that account for 75 percent of the hospital's
35 discharges for the most recent 5-year period, based on
36 information available from the hospital inpatient discharge
37 database in the Florida Center for Health Information and Policy
38 Analysis at the Agency for Health Care Administration; or

39 6. A hospital designated as a critical access hospital, as
40 defined in s. 408.07(15).

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42 Population densities used in this paragraph must be based upon
43 the most recently completed United States census. A hospital
44 that received funds under s. 409.9116 for a quarter beginning no
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45 later than July 1, 2002, is deemed to have been and shall
46 continue to be a rural hospital from that date through June 30,
47 2015 ~~2012~~, if the hospital continues to have 100 or fewer
48 licensed beds and an emergency room, or meets the criteria of
49 subparagraph 4. An acute care hospital that has not previously
50 been designated as a rural hospital and that meets the criteria
51 of this paragraph shall be granted such designation upon
52 application, including supporting documentation to the Agency
53 for Health Care Administration.

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Remove line 6 and insert:

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references; amending s. 395.602, F.S.; providing an additional
59 3-year transition period for certain hospitals to retain their
60 designation as rural hospitals; amending s. 400.118, F.S.;

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removing provisions