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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Fiscal Policy
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to certificates of need for rural hospitals; amending s. 395.6025, F.S.; revising the criteria for exempting a rural hospital or the operator of rural hospitals from the requirement to obtain a certificate of need for the construction of a replacement facility; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 395.6025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

395.6025 Rural hospital replacement facilities.—
Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 408.036, a hospital defined as a statutory rural hospital in accordance with s. 395.602, or ~~an a not-for-profit~~ operator of rural hospitals, is not required to obtain a certificate of need for the construction of a replacement ~~new~~ hospital located in a county with a population ~~of at least 15,000 but no more than 18,000 and a density of less than 100~~ 30 persons per square mile, ~~or a replacement facility,~~ provided that the replacement, ~~or new,~~ facility is not located within 15 ~~10~~ miles of the site of a ~~the~~ currently licensed ~~rural~~ hospital in an adjacent county ~~and within the current primary service area. As used in this section, the term "service area" means the fewest number of zip codes that account for 75 percent of the hospital's discharges for the most recent 5-year period, based on information available from the hospital inpatient~~



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28 ~~discharge database in the Florida Center for Health Information~~
29 ~~and Policy Analysis at the Agency for Health Care~~
30 ~~Administration.~~

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.