

Amendment No.1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER _____

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative Sirois offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 260 and 261, insert:

7 **Section 6. Section 154.248, Florida Statutes, is created**
8 **to read:**

9 154.248 Closure of not-for-profit hospitals.—The closure
10 of a not-for-profit hospital requires all of the following:

11 (1) The hospital must provide 120 days' notice between the
12 announcement of the closure and the actual closure date.

13 (2) The notice of a closure must be:

14 (a) Published in a newspaper of general circulation three
15 times every 30 days.

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16 1. The notice must include the reason for the closure and
17 location of alternative sites for emergency care.

18 2. The notice must include the anticipated impacts to
19 local health insurance and health plan provider networks and
20 contracts.

21 (b) Delivered by certified letter to:

22 1. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

23 2. Municipalities within a 75-mile radius.

24 3. Hospitals within a 75-miles radius.

25 4. Emergency services transport operators within a 75 mile
26 radius.

27 5. All licensed physicians within a 75-mile radius.

28 6. All urgent care facilities within a 75-mile radius.

29 7. All assisted living facilities and nursing facilities
30 within a 75-mile radius.

31 8. The state representative and the state senator whose
32 district includes the facility.

33 (3) The hospital must hold three public meetings within a
34 75-mile radius of the closing hospital before the closure date.
35 Such meetings must be advertised in a newspaper of general
36 circulation.

37 (4) The hospital must release physicians from any
38 contractual agreements that would prevent a physician from
39 practicing at another hospital within a 75-mile radius of the
40 closing hospital.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove line 24 and insert:
purposes; creating s. 154.248, F.S.; providing
requirements for the closure of a not-for-profit
hospital; amending ss. 154.219, 154.221, 154.229, and