

SENATE BILL NO. 68

BY SENATOR BUFFINGTON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2116(D)(2), relative to facility need review; to provide for an extension to the moratorium on additional beds for nursing facilities; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2116(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2116. Facility need review

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(2) The Department of Health and Hospitals shall implement a moratorium on additional beds for nursing facilities. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall not approve any additional nursing facilities or additional beds in nursing facilities through facility need review. This prohibition shall apply only to applications for new beds not approved prior to July 1, 1996. ~~Such~~ **The** prohibition shall become enforceable on July 1, 1996, and shall remain in effect until July 1, ~~2016~~ **2022**. This prohibition shall not apply to the replacement of existing facilities, provided that there is no increase in existing nursing home beds at the replacement facility.

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1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_