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SENATE BILL DRS45034-MG-38 (01/31)

Short Title: Reduce Cost & Reg. Burden/Hosp. Construction. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise, Krawiec, and Pate (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTHCARE  
4 ENGINEERING'S FACILITY GUIDELINES INSTITUTE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** Definitions. – For purposes of this section and its implementation:

7 (1) Commission or Medical Care Commission. – The Medical Care Commission  
8 created by Part 10 of Article 3 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes.

9 (2) Hospital Facilities Rules. – Means all of the following:

- 10 a. 10A NCAC 13B .6001 – Physical Plant: Location.  
11 b. 10A NCAC 13B .6002 – Physical Plant: Roads and Parking.  
12 c. 10A NCAC 13B .6104 – General Requirements: Access and Safety.  
13 d. 10A NCAC 13B .6201 – Construction Requirements: Medical, Surgical,  
14 and Post-Partum Care Unit.  
15 e. 10A NCAC 13B .6202 – Construction Requirements: Special Care Unit.  
16 f. 10A NCAC 13B .6203 – Construction Requirements: Neonatal Level I  
17 and Level II Nursery Unit.  
18 g. 10A NCAC 13B .6204 – Construction Requirements: Neonatal Level III  
19 and Level IV Nursery.  
20 h. 10A NCAC 13B .6205 – Construction Requirements: Psychiatric Unit.  
21 i. 10A NCAC 13B .6206 – Construction Requirements: Surgical  
22 Department Requirements.  
23 j. 10A NCAC 13B .6207 – Construction Requirements: Obstetrical  
24 Department Requirements.  
25 k. 10A NCAC 13B .6209 – Construction Requirements: Emergency  
26 Services.  
27 l. 10A NCAC 13B .6210 – Construction Requirements: Imaging Services.  
28 m. 10A NCAC 13B .6211 – Construction Requirements: Laboratory  
29 Services.  
30 n. 10A NCAC 13B .6212 – Construction Requirements: Morgue.  
31 o. 10A NCAC 13B .6213 – Construction Requirements: Pharmacy  
32 Services.  
33 p. 10A NCAC 13B .6214 – Construction Requirements: Dietary Services.  
34 q. 10A NCAC 13B .6215 – Construction Requirements: Administration.  
35 r. 10A NCAC 13B .6216 – Construction Requirements: Medical Records  
36 Services.



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- 1 s. 10A NCAC 13B .6217 – Construction Requirements: Central Medical  
2 and Surgical Supply Services.  
3 t. 10A NCAC 13B .6218 – Construction Requirements: General Storage.  
4 u. 10A NCAC 13B .6219 – Construction Requirements: Laundry Services.  
5 v. 10A NCAC 13B .6220 – Construction Requirements: Physical  
6 Rehabilitation Services.  
7 w. 10A NCAC 13B .6221 – Construction Requirements: Engineering  
8 Services.  
9 x. 10A NCAC 13B .6222 – Construction Requirements: Waste Processing.  
10 y. 10A NCAC 13B .6223 – Construction Requirements: Details and  
11 Finishes.  
12 z. 10A NCAC 13B .6224 – Construction Requirements: Elevator  
13 Requirements.  
14 aa. 10A NCAC 13B .6225 – Construction Requirements: Mechanical  
15 Requirements.  
16 bb. 10A NCAC 13B .6226 – Construction Requirements: Plumbing and  
17 Other Piping Systems Requirements.  
18 cc. 10A NCAC 13B .6227 – Construction Requirements: Electrical  
19 Requirements.  
20 (3) Guidelines. – The American Society for Healthcare Engineering's Facility  
21 Guidelines Institute "Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and  
22 Outpatient Facilities."

23 **SECTION 1.(b)** Repeal Hospital Facilities Rules. – The Secretary of Health and  
24 Human Services and the Medical Care Commission shall repeal the Hospital Facilities Rules  
25 within 120 days after this act becomes law.

26 **SECTION 1.(c)** Implementation and Rule-Making Authority. – Before the effective  
27 date of the repeal of the Hospital Facilities Rules required pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
28 section, the Medical Care Commission shall adopt temporary rules to replace the Hospital  
29 Facilities Rules and incorporate by reference all applicable rules, standards, and requirements of  
30 the most current edition of the Guidelines. If temporary rules are not adopted before the repeal of  
31 the Hospital Facilities Rules required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Commission  
32 shall utilize the 2014 Edition of the Guidelines until such time as temporary rules are adopted.  
33 Furthermore, the Commission shall adopt permanent rules pursuant to this section.

34 **SECTION 1.(d)** Additional Rule-Making Authority. – The Medical Care Commission  
35 shall adopt rules to replace the Hospital Facilities Rules. Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-19(4), the  
36 rules adopted by the Commission pursuant to this section shall conform to the provisions of  
37 subsection (c) of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to Part 3 of  
38 Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall  
39 become effective as provided in subsection (b1) of G.S. 150B-21.3 as though 10 or more written  
40 objections had been received as provided by subsection (b2) of G.S. 150B-21.3. Furthermore,  
41 rules adopted pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 150B of the  
42 General Statutes that require the preparation of fiscal notes for any rule proposed to incorporate  
43 the Guidelines by reference.

44 **SECTION 1.(e)** Exemption From Periodic Review. – Until such time as the Hospital  
45 Facilities Rules are repealed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Hospital Facilities Rules  
46 shall be exempt from the periodic review process required pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A.

47 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.