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SENATE BILL 445
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 4/17/25

Short Title: Reg. Relief for Hospitals in Disaster Zones. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 25, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC ADOPTION OF ANY TEMPORARY
WAIVER OR MODIFICATION ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR THE CENTERS
FOR MEDICARE OR MEDICAID SERVICES UNDER SECTION 1135 OR 1812(F) OF
THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 131E-84 reads as rewritten:

"§ 131E-84. Waiver of rules and increase in bed capacity during an emergency.

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(a2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or the General Statutes, in the event the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issues a temporary waiver or modification under section 1135 or 1812(f) of the Social Security Act, the corresponding rule or portion of a rule adopted by the Commission pertaining to hospitals is automatically modified or waived to the extent necessary to allow for consistency with the federal waiver or modification and shall continue in place at least until the federal waiver or modification has expired. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as preventing the Division of Health Service Regulation from further waiving or modifying any rules of the Commission.

(b) As used in this section, "emergency management agency" is as defined in G.S. 166A-19.3."

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



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