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Short Title: Hospital Temporary Bed Increases.

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Sponsors: Representatives Insko; M. Crawford and Weiss.

Referred to: Health.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT A HOSPITAL TO TEMPORARILY INCREASE ITS BED
CAPACITY AFTER NOTIFYING THE DIVISION OF FACILITY SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
new section to read:

"§ 131E-113. Temporary change of hospital bed capacity.

A hospital may temporarily increase bed capacity by up to ten percent (10%) over its
licensed bed capacity by utilizing observation beds for hospital inpatients if the Division
of Facility Services is notified and approves, and the increase does not last for longer
than 60 consecutive days."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2001