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HOUSE BILL 1147
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Short Title: Hospital Temporary Bed Increases.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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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-83. Temporary change of hospital bed capacity.

A hospital may temporarily increase its bed capacity by up to ten percent (10%) over
its licensed bed capacity by utilizing observation beds for hospital inpatients if the
hospital notifies and obtains the approval of the Division of Facility Services. For
purposes of this section, 'temporarily' means not longer than 60 consecutive days."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.