

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by
5 changing Section 4.5 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/4.5)

7 Sec. 4.5. Hospital with multiple locations; single
8 license.

9 (a) A hospital located in a county with fewer than
10 3,000,000 inhabitants may apply to the Department for approval
11 to conduct its operations from more than one location within
12 the county under a single license. At the time of the
13 application to operate under a single license, a hospital
14 located in a county with fewer than 125,000 inhabitants may
15 apply to the Department for approval to conduct its operations
16 from more than one location within contiguous counties in
17 which both facilities are located, provided that the second
18 county has fewer than 35,000 inhabitants.

19 (b) The facilities or buildings at those locations must be
20 owned or operated together by a single corporation or other
21 legal entity serving as the licensee and must share:

22 (1) a single board of directors with responsibility
23 for governance, including financial oversight and the

1 authority to designate or remove the chief executive
2 officer;

3 (2) a single medical staff accountable to the board of
4 directors and governed by a single set of medical staff
5 bylaws, rules, and regulations with responsibility for the
6 quality of the medical services; and

7 (3) a single chief executive officer, accountable to
8 the board of directors, with management responsibility.

9 (c) Each hospital building or facility that is located on
10 a site geographically separate from the campus or premises of
11 another hospital building or facility operated by the licensee
12 must, at a minimum, individually comply with the Department's
13 hospital licensing requirements for emergency services.

14 (d) The hospital shall submit to the Department a
15 comprehensive plan in relation to the waiver or waivers
16 requested describing the services and operations of each
17 facility or building and how common services or operations
18 will be coordinated between the various locations. With the
19 exception of items required by subsection (c), the Department
20 is authorized to waive compliance with the hospital licensing
21 requirements for specific buildings or facilities, provided
22 that the hospital has documented which other building or
23 facility under its single license provides that service or
24 operation, and that doing so would not endanger the public's
25 health, safety, or welfare. Nothing in this Section relieves a
26 hospital from the requirements of the Health Facilities

1 Planning Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 89-171, eff. 7-19-95.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.