

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1748
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

SB 1748 modifies multiple provisions related to hospital licensure. The measure modifies the definition *primarily engaged* as it relates to hospital licensure. Primarily engaged means a hospital that provides the following services: inpatient diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitative services, as determined by the State Department of Health (OSDH). OSDH may consider a number of factors when determining whether a facility meets this definition, including facility's number of inpatient beds, average daily census, average length of stay, staffing patterns, and other factors. If a facility has an average daily census of at least two and an average length of stay of at least two nights in the past twelve months, the facility will be considered primarily engaged in inpatient diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitative services. Critical access hospitals are exempt from the average daily census and average length of stay requirements.

The measure directs the State Commissioner of Health to review requirements related to hospitals posting notice in public spaces.

Emergency departments must comply with the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, regardless of whether or not the hospital participates in Medicare. Emergency departments must also post signage stating their participation status in any federally-sponsored health insurance program.

Lastly, the measure states that licensed hospitals up for renewal must submit intent to renew licensure within an established time frame in order to avoid being considered surrendered. Hospitals that have their license revoked or surrendered and apply for a new license must be issued a new license number.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

