

House Bill 404

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 exemptions from certificate of need requirements, so as to provide that freestanding pediatric  
3 emergency facilities are exempt from certificate of need requirements; to provide for related  
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions  
8 from certificate of need requirements, is amended in subsection (a) by striking "and" at the  
9 end of paragraph (25), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (26) with "; and", and  
10 by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

11 "(27) Freestanding facilities providing emergency services to pediatric patients only."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.