SENATE BILL 290

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to reducing the situations requiring issuance of a certificate of need.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602(12), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

provided, "major medical equipment" does not include any medical imaging equipment, including, but not limited to, magnetic resonance imaging, computed tomography, and positron emission tomography equipment;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(a)(4), is amended by

deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) Initiation of any of the following health care services: burn unit, neonatal intensive care unit, open heart surgery, extracorporeal lithotripsy, cardiac catheterization, linear accelerator, swing beds, home health, hospice, psychiatric, rehabilitation, or hospital-based alcohol and drug treatment for adolescents provided under a systematic program of care longer than twenty-eight (28) days, or opiate addiction treatment provided through a nonresidential substitution-based treatment center for opiate addiction;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.