

**135B.5 Issuance and renewal of license.**

1. Upon receipt of an application for license and the license fee, the department shall issue a license if the applicant and hospital facilities comply with [this chapter](#), [chapter 135](#), and the rules of the department. Each licensee shall receive annual reapproval upon payment of five hundred dollars and upon filing of an application form which is available from the department. The annual licensure fee shall be dedicated to support and provide educational programs on regulatory issues for hospitals and rural emergency hospitals licensed under [this chapter](#). Licenses shall be either general or restricted in form. Each license shall be issued only for the premises and persons or governmental units named in the application and is not transferable or assignable except with the written approval of the department. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises as prescribed by rule of the department.

2. The provisions of [this section](#) shall not in any way affect, change, deny, or nullify any rights set forth in or arising from the provisions of [this chapter](#) and particularly [section 135B.7](#), arising before or after December 31, 1960.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §135B.5]

[90 Acts, ch 1204, §4](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1191, §48](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1062, §1](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1062, §24](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1103, §37, 51](#); [2023 Acts, ch 16, §6, 20, 21](#)

2023 amendment applies to a facility or, due to change in ownership, a successor facility that was, on or before December 27, 2020, a general hospital with no more than fifty licensed beds, located in a county in a rural area as specified in section 135B.3A with a specified population, and operating on and prior to a specified date under a valid certificate of need; 2023 Acts, ch 16, §20

Subsection 1 amended