

**135B.2 Purpose.**

The purpose of [this chapter](#) is to provide for the development, establishment, and enforcement of basic standards for the care and treatment of individuals in hospitals and rural emergency hospitals and for the construction, maintenance, and operation of such hospitals, which, in the light of existing knowledge, will promote safe and adequate treatment of such individuals in such hospitals, in the interest of the health, welfare, and safety of the public.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §135B.2]

[2023 Acts, ch 16, §2, 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