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April 2, 2018

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 2334, an Act relating to the regulation of hospitals, including the issuance of licenses and the conversion of hospitals.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds  
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



Senate File 2334

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF HOSPITALS, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE  
OF LICENSES AND THE CONVERSION OF HOSPITALS.

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

Section 1. Section 135B.5, subsection 1, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

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 licensed under this chapter in consultation with the hospital licensing board. 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.

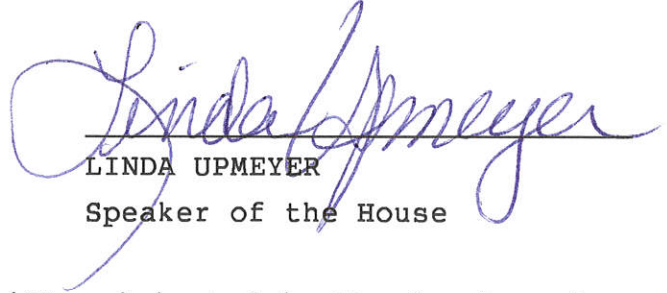
Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 135B.5A Conversion of a hospital.

A conversion of a long-term acute care hospital, rehabilitation hospital, or psychiatric hospital as defined by federal regulations to a general hospital or to a specialty

hospital of a different type is a permanent change in bed capacity and shall require a certificate of need pursuant to section 135.63.

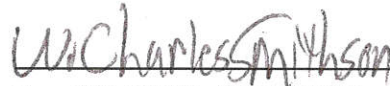


CHARLES SCHNEIDER  
President of the Senate



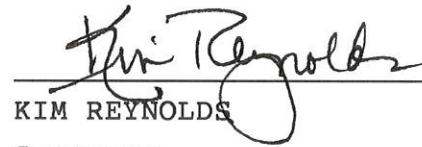
LINDA UPMEYER  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2334, Eighty-seventh General Assembly.



W. CHARLES SMITHSON  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018



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