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A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting birth centers from the certificate of need
2 process.

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

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HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. Section 135.61, subsection 14, paragraph f,
2 Code 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 Sec. 2. Section 135.61, subsection 20, Code 2003, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 20. "Organized outpatient health facility" means a
6 facility, not part of a hospital, organized and operated to
7 provide health care to noninstitutionalized and nonhomebound
8 persons on an outpatient basis; it does not include birth
9 centers, private offices or clinics of individual physicians,
10 dentists or other practitioners, or groups of practitioners,
11 who are health care providers.

12 Sec. 3. Section 135.63, subsection 2, Code 2003, is
13 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. q. A birth center or services provided by
15 a birth center that is not affiliated with a birthing
16 hospital.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill exempts birth centers and services provided by
19 birth centers that are not affiliated with birthing hospitals
20 from the certificate of need process. The bill specifically
21 excludes birth centers from the definition of an "organized
22 outpatient health facility" which facilities are subject to
23 the certificate of need process.

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