

## CHAPTER 1062

### HOSPITALS — LICENSING — CONVERSION REQUIREMENTS

S.F. 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](#).

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