



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 419

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL AND WELLNESS ENTERPRISE ZONES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of section 32-70 of the general statutes, any municipality
3 may, with the approval of the Commissioner of Economic and
4 Community Development, designate an area surrounding a hospital
5 within such municipality as a hospital and wellness enterprise zone.
6 Any such area shall consist of (1) one or two contiguous United States
7 census tracts, (2) contiguous portions of such census tracts, or (3) a
8 portion of an individual census tract, as determined in accordance with
9 the most recent federal decennial census and, if such area is covered by
10 zoning, a portion of it shall be zoned to allow commercial or industrial
11 activity.

12 (b) Any municipality seeking the approval of the commissioner for
13 such designation shall file with the commissioner a preliminary
14 application. Not later than sixty days after receipt of such preliminary
15 application, the commissioner shall indicate to the municipality, in
16 writing, any recommendation for improving such municipality's
17 application. Not later than sixty days after receipt of the
18 commissioner's written recommendation, the municipality shall file a
19 final application with the commissioner. Any application filed

20 pursuant to this subsection shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The
21 geographic scope of the proposed hospital and wellness enterprise
22 zone, including designation of all census blocks that such municipality
23 proposes incorporating into such zone, (2) the economic development
24 benefits anticipated from the establishment of such zone, including the
25 nature of business and industry that will be developed and the
26 anticipated number of jobs created, and (3) the anticipated lost revenue
27 to the state and municipality as a result of establishing such zone.

28 (c) The commissioner may modify the geographic scope of any
29 proposed hospital and wellness enterprise zone to improve the balance
30 between the anticipated economic benefit and the cost to the state and
31 affected municipality.

32 (d) The commissioner may approve the designation of not more
33 than two areas as hospital and wellness enterprise zones. The
34 commissioner may remove the designation of any area approved as a
35 hospital and wellness enterprise zone if such area no longer meets the
36 requirements of subsection (a) of this section, provided no such
37 designation shall be removed less than six years after the date that
38 such area no longer meets such requirements.

39 (e) Businesses located within a hospital and wellness enterprise
40 zone shall be entitled to the same benefits, subject to the same
41 conditions, under the general statutes for which businesses located in
42 an enterprise zone qualify.

43 (f) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
44 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the
45 purposes of this section.

46 (g) On or before October 1, 2020, the commissioner shall report, in
47 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
48 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
49 matters relating to commerce. Such report shall include, but not be
50 limited to, (1) the performance of any hospital and wellness enterprise

51 zone established pursuant to this section, (2) whether any such zone
52 should retain its designation as a hospital and wellness enterprise
53 zone, and (3) any recommendations for legislative changes regarding
54 the program established pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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