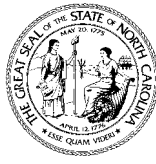


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Representative Boswell

1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 15, by rewriting the line to read:

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4 "IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, AND LOWER THE COST OF CARE; AND TO
5 PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION MAY STUDY THE
6 IMPACT OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED ON THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE IN
7 RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE.";

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9 And to amend the bill in page 3, lines 27-28 by rewriting the lines to read:

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11 **"PART IV. STUDY THE IMPACT OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED ON RURAL AREAS**

12 **SECTION 6(a).** The Legislative Research Commission may study the impact of
13 Certificate of Need (CON) laws on the access to and delivery of health care to residents living in
14 rural areas of North Carolina. In conducting the study, the Commission may consider the
15 following:

- 16 (1) The impact on rural or underserved communities of the denial of a CON to
17 construct or expand existing health care facilities.
18 (2) Recent CON determinations made by the Department of Health and Human
19 Services and the particular bases for the determinations.
20 (3) Whether past CON determinations have adversely affected rural or
21 underserved areas with respect to health care access by community residents.
22 (4) What modifications can be made to the legal requirements governing CON
23 determination to mitigate the hardships to residents and health care facilities
24 resulting from CON application denials or limitations.
25 (5) The impact of exempting diagnostic centers, ambulatory surgical facilities,
26 gastrointestinal endoscopy rooms, and psychiatric hospitals from CON laws
27 and the impact that could have on health care access for residents living in
28 rural areas.

29 **SECTION 6(b).** The Legislative Research Commission may report its findings,
30 including any legislative recommendations, to the 2019 Regular Session of the 2019 General
31 Assembly upon its convening."
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- 1 **PART V. EFFECTIVE DATE**
- 2 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law."
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SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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