

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 420

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR GANNON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 197.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to rural emergency hospitals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 197.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 197.020,
3 to read as follows:

197.020. 1. "Governmental unit" means any county,
2 municipality or other political subdivision or any
3 department, division, board or other agency of any of the
4 foregoing.

5 2. "Hospital" means a place devoted primarily to the
6 maintenance and operation of facilities for the diagnosis,
7 treatment or care for not less than twenty-four consecutive
8 hours in any week of three or more nonrelated individuals
9 suffering from illness, disease, injury, deformity or other
10 abnormal physical conditions; or a place devoted primarily
11 to provide for not less than twenty-four consecutive hours
12 in any week medical or nursing care for three or more
13 nonrelated individuals. The term "hospital" does not
14 include convalescent, nursing, shelter or boarding homes as
15 defined in chapter 198. **The term "hospital" shall include a**
16 **facility designated as a rural emergency hospital by the**
17 **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.**

18 3. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership,
19 corporation, company or association and the legal successors
20 thereof.

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