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**H 1001. HOSPITAL LICENSURE/CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL. TO AMEND THE
DEFINITION OF A PRIMARY CARE HOSPITAL TO REFLECT FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

Amends GS 131E-76 as title indicates. Deletes definition of "primary care hospital" and replaces it with definition of "critical access hospital." Defines latter as hospital meeting federal requirements for certification as a critical access hospital. Requires that such a hospital, at minimum, offer primary outpatient services and ensure availability of 24-hour emergency care; hospital must also be part of a rural hospital network.

Intro. by Wright.

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