
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 193

AN ACT ESTABLISHING LICENSURE FOR LONG-TERM ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS.

SUMMARY

This bill creates a specific Department of Public Health licensure category for long-term acute care hospitals (i.e. those that qualify as long-term care hospitals under federal Medicare law). The law already requires them to be licensed (they are currently licensed as chronic disease hospitals).

Generally, under federal Medicare law, long-term care hospitals are those that (1) primarily provide inpatient services to Medicare patients with complex conditions requiring a long hospital stay (with average stays exceeding 25 days) and (2) meet various criteria on services, patient screening, staffing, and related matters (42 U.S.C. 1395x).

The bill also makes a conforming change to specify that long-term acute care hospitals are covered by the law's long-term care facility background check requirements (this law currently covers them as chronic disease hospitals).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/02/2026)