

SHB 2669 - H AMD 741

By Representative Curtis

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1 On page 4, after line 2, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 3. 2005 c 39 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (1) From January 1, 2005, until July 1, ((2006)) 2007, no
5 specialty hospital in which a physician, or an immediate family
6 member of a physician, has an ownership or investment interest
7 shall be granted a license under chapter 70.41 RCW.

8 (2) For the purposes of this section:

9 (a) "Specialty hospital" means a subclass of hospital that is
10 primarily or exclusively engaged in the care and treatment of one
11 of the following categories: (i) Patients with a cardiac
12 condition; (ii) patients with an orthopedic condition; (iii)
13 patients receiving a surgical procedure; and (iv) any other
14 specialized category of services that the secretary of health and
15 human services designates as a specialty hospital.

16 (b) An ownership or investment interest in a specialty hospital
17 may be through equity, debt, or other means and includes an
18 interest in an entity that holds an ownership or investment
19 interest in a specialty hospital.

20 **Sec. 4.** 2005 c 39 s 3 (uncodified) is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 This act expires July 1, ((2006)) 2007.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this act takes effect July
24 1, 2007."

25 Correct internal references accordingly.

26 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Extends the present statewide moratorium on the issuance of licenses to specialty hospitals by four additional years until July 1, 2007. Delays the effective date for new licensing requirements for specialty hospitals until July 1, 2007.