

No. 1979-118

AN ACT

HB 118

Amending the act of July 19, 1979 (No.48), entitled "An act relating to health care; prescribing the powers and duties of the Department of Health; establishing and providing the powers and duties of the State Health Coordinating Council, health systems agencies and Health Care Policy Board in the Department of Health, and State Health Facility Hearing Board in the Department of Justice; providing for certification of need of health care providers and prescribing penalties," changing the effective date of the implementation of certain reviews.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 901 and 906, act of July 19, 1979 (No.48), known as the "Health Care Facilities Act," are amended to read:

Section 901. Certificates for existing facilities and institutions.

All health care providers operating a health care facility shall be issued forthwith a certificate of need by the department to all buildings, real property and equipment owned, leased or being operated under contract for construction, purchase or lease and for all services being rendered by the licensed, approved or certified providers **[upon the effective date of this act.] on April 1, 1980: Provided, That this section shall not apply to a new institutional health service offered, developed, constructed or otherwise established after September 30, 1979 and before April 1, 1980 if the new institutional health service is covered by section 1122 of the Federal Social Security Act and application for approval is not made to or the project is disapproved by the Secretary of Health and Welfare.**

Section 906. Effective date.

This act shall take effect October 1, 1979; **provided that implementation of reviews pursuant to this act shall not begin until April 1, 1980.**

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of December, A. D. 1979.

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