

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO sb91.

deleting lines 30 through 34 on page 1 and substituting therefore the following:

~~"revised to include a separate certificate of need category of health care facilities and health service providers entitled hospice as defined in this section, and develop criteria for granting the certificates of need which are in accord with rules, regulations, and standards developed by the federal Health Care Finance Administration.~~

separate Permit of Approval categories of Health Care Facilities entitled hospice facilities , and hospice agencies , and develop criteria for granting the Permits of Approval for hospice facilities and for hospice agencies for which applications shall be filed in accordance with the criteria after the effective date of the 1997 amendment to this section, provided those entities that have filed written intent to build a hospice facility or operate a hospice agency with both the Health Services Agency and the Arkansas Department of Health prior to the effective date of the 1997 amendment to this section shall have thirty-six (36) months to complete the project and be licensed. A hospice facility or hospice agency shall not convert its licensure to any other license. "

AND

by adding the following new Section on line 13 of page 2:

"SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current law refers to a certificate of need process from agencies that have been abolished; that this act is necessary to remove the inconsistencies in the law and to provide for a permit of approval; and that this act is immediately necessary for the administration of the law. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto."