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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 11, 2025
Subject: Bill Brief on SB 82

Senate Bill 82 requires the secretary for aging and disability services to grant physical environment waivers for certain rural emergency hospitals to provide skilled nursing facility care.

SB 82 creates a new section of law that would require the secretary for aging and disability services to grant a physical environment waiver for existing nursing facilities to an applying rural emergency hospital to transition up to 10 swing beds into skilled nursing facility beds if the facility:

- 1) Is currently licensed as a rural emergency hospital;
- 2) Was licensed as a hospital immediately prior to its designation as a rural emergency hospital; and
- 3) During the facility's licensure as a hospital, the facility provided skilled nursing facility services or critical access hospital swing bed services for at least one year without a finding of immediate jeopardy.

This bill would go into effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2025.