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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 12, 2025
Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2249

House Bill 2249 requires the secretary for aging and disability services to grant physical environment waivers for certain rural emergency hospitals to provide skilled nursing facility care.

HB 2249 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. There were no committee amendments and the bill passed the house on a vote of 122-0.