

Senate Bill 442

By: Senators Lucas of the 26th, Cowser of the 46th, Butler of the 55th, Dolezal of the 27th,  
Brass of the 28th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state  
2 health planning and development, so as to provide that after a certain date, certificate of need  
3 requirements shall not apply to institutional health services, health care facilities, clinical  
4 health services, or any other health care related service or expenditure in counties with a  
5 population of less than 35,000; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state health  
10 planning and development, is amended by adding a new Code section to Article 3, relating  
11 to the certificate of need program, to read as follows:

12 "31-6-51.

13 On and after July 1, 2024, this chapter shall not apply to any new or existing institutional  
14 health services, health care facilities, clinical health services, or any other health care  
15 related service or expenditure subject to the provisions of this chapter in counties with a

16 population of less than 35,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 or  
17 any future such census."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.