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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting for-profit entities from owning or managing  
2 hospitals and health systems in this Commonwealth.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Prohibiting  
7 For-Profit Hospitals Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "For-profit entity." The term includes, but is not limited  
13 to, a corporation, limited liability corporation, limited  
14 liability partnership, private equity, investment bank or hedge  
15 fund which operates to generate revenue or profit for its  
16 owners, partners or shareholders.

17 "Health system." An entity owning and operating one or more  
18 hospitals, hospice agencies or nursing homes.

1 "Hospital." An institution licensed in this Commonwealth  
2 which is a general, mental, chronic disease or other type of  
3 hospital.

4 Section 3. Prohibition.

5 A for-profit entity may not own or manage a hospital or  
6 health system in this Commonwealth.

7 Section 4. Applicability.

8 The prohibition under section 3 shall not apply to a hospital  
9 or health system owned or managed by a for-profit entity on the  
10 effective date of this section.

11 Section 5. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect in 60 days.