



SPONSOR: Rep. Bentz

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
HOUSE BILL NO. 161

1 AMEND House Bill No. 161 by deleting lines 22 and 23 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
2 following:

3 “(5) Surgical. — Providing inpatient and outpatient surgical and related services in which the anticipated
4 duration of the patient’s stay will not exceed 72 hours following admission. A surgical hospital must provide all of the
5 following services on-site:

6 a. Diagnostic x-ray services with facilities and staff for a variety of procedures.

7 b. Clinical laboratory services with facilities and anatomical pathology services regularly and
8 conveniently available.

9 c. Operating room service with facilities and staff.

10 d. Basic emergency care.”.

11 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 161 on line 24 by deleting “(5)” as it appears therein and inserting “(4)” in
12 lieu thereof.

SYNOPSIS

This Amendment clarifies the services a surgical hospital must provide on-site which are similar to the services a general hospital must provide on-site in contrast to the services which are not required to be provided at long-term care, psychiatric and rehabilitation hospitals. General hospitals must have an emergency department with facilities and staff while surgical hospitals are only required to provide basic emergency care. Both General and surgical hospitals are required to provide diagnostic x-ray, clinical laboratory and operating room services all with facilities and staff.