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116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Increasing Hospital  
5 Capacity to Fight the Coronavirus Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF PAYMENT REDUC-**  
2 **TIONS UNDER THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID**  
3 **PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN NONAPPROVED**  
4 **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES UNDERTAKEN BY**  
5 **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES DURING THE**  
6 **COVID-19 EMERGENCY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1122(d) of the Social Se-  
8 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–1(d)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or (3)”  
10 after “paragraph (2)”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
12 paragraph:

13 “(3) No payment reduction shall be made pursuant  
14 to paragraph (1) with respect to an obligation for a capital  
15 expenditure made during the emergency period defined in  
16 section 1135(g)(1)(B).”.

17 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
18 gress that any State requirement relating to the approval  
19 of capital expenditures of health care facilities located in  
20 such State (commonly referred to as “certificate of need  
21 laws”) should be waived for the duration of the emergency  
22 period defined in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Secu-  
23 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)(1)(B)).