Proposed Expansions to Certificate of Need Exemptions for Maternity and Neonatology



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Senate Bill No. 4816, introduced in the New Jersey State Senate on October 27, 2025, would expand the Certificate of Need exemption list with respect to maternity and neonatology services in health care facilities. A Certificate of Need is required for the construction of a healthcare facility, the expansion of a healthcare facility, or the institution of a new healthcare service. The Bill would provide exemptions from the Certificate of Need requirement for: (1) an addition of intermediate or intensive bassinets in a health care facility that provides inpatient maternity services; and (2) an increase in the level of neonatal care designation of a health care facility that provides inpatient maternity services.

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