

**House File 2552 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act exempting cancer care providers from certificate of need  
2 requirements.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.61, Code 2026, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "*Cancer care provider*" means any of the  
4 following:

- 5 a. An outpatient oncology clinic.
- 6 b. A radiation therapy center.
- 7 c. A chemotherapy infusion center.
- 8 d. An outpatient cancer diagnostic facility.
- 9 e. An oncology surgical center.
- 10 f. An ancillary support service directly related to cancer  
11 treatment.

12 Sec. 2. Section 135.62, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. This subchapter shall not apply to a  
15 cancer care provider.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 Under current law, a health care provider (provider)  
20 is required to obtain a certificate of need (CON) from the  
21 department of health and human services if the provider plans  
22 to offer a new institutional health service or a changed  
23 institutional health service.

24 This bill defines "cancer care provider" and exempts cancer  
25 care providers from CON requirements.