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House Bill 5761 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Thomas M. George
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CONTENT

The bill would amend Article 17 of the Public Health Code, which regulates health facilities and agencies, to replace current hospital construction standards with standards contained in a document published by the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (DCIS); and require the DCIS to apply the standards to health facility or agency construction permit reviews.

Currently under Article 17, the standards and rules relating to construction, additions, modernization, or conversion of hospitals may not be less strict than those required for Federal assistance under the Federal Hospital and Medical Facilities Amendments of 1964. The bill instead would require that the standards not be less strict than the standards contained in the document entitled, "Minimum Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan", published by the DCIS, dated March 1998, and any updates or supplements to the standards by rules promulgated by the DCIS. The bill would incorporate the standards by reference for purposes of this requirement.

The bill also would require the DCIS to apply the standards when performing a construction permit review for a health facility or agency. For this purpose, the standards would be incorporated by reference. The DCIS could issue interpretive bulletins regarding the standards and, by rule, update or supplement the standards.

(Under Article 17, before contracting for and initiating a construction project involving new construction, additions, modernizations, or conversions of a health facility or agency with a capital expenditure of \$1 million or more, a person must obtain a construction permit from the DCIS. The Department also may require construction permits for other projects, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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