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# HOUSE BILL NO. 673

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 197.121, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the licensure of health care facilities.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 197.121, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 197.121, to read as follows:

197.121. The department of health and senior services shall not license any entity as a hospital, as the term "hospital" is defined in section 197.020, that is devoted primarily or exclusively to surgical procedures, patients with a cardiac condition, patients with an orthopedic condition, or any other specialized category of patients or cases as may be determined by the director of the department. Nothing in this section shall prohibit licensure or certification of any entity as a hospital that is devoted primarily to care and treatment of children under the age of eighteen years, psychiatric patients, or patients undergoing rehabilitation care or to long-term care hospitals meeting the requirements described in 42 CFR Sec. 412.23(e). The provisions of this section shall expire, and be of no effect, on and after August 28, [2005] **2008**.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.