

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 71

Session of
1991

INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, GEORGE, LUCYK, ARGALL, ALLEN, McCALL,
RUDY, PHILLIPS, BELFANTI AND KING, JANUARY 15, 1991

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 12, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing for the closing
4 of State general hospitals.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
8 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to
9 read:

10 Section 324. Closing.--A State general hospital may not be
11 closed unless NOR MAY THE LEVEL OF SERVICES PROVIDED THEREBY BE <—
12 REDUCED BELOW THOSE WHICH WERE BEING PROVIDED ON JANUARY 1,
13 1991. THE COMMONWEALTH MAY DISCONTINUE OPERATING A STATE GENERAL
14 HOSPITAL ONLY IF there is compliance with all of the following:

15 (1) A plan for the closing is submitted to the General
16 Assembly for consideration and is approved in accord with the
17 act of April 7, 1955 (P.L.23, No.8), known as the
18 "Reorganization Act of 1955."

1 ~~(2) A private entity is ready, willing and able~~ A BINDING <—
2 AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND A
3 PRIVATE ENTITY FOR SUCH ENTITY to take over the operation of the
4 hospital with no interruption of medical services.
5 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL BE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 1991. <—
6 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect immediately. <—