

Legislative Analysis



JOINT MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES

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House Bill 5876 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Greg VanWoerkom
Committee: Health Policy
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5876 would amend 1945 PA 47, which allows two or more cities, villages, or townships to jointly own and operate a hospital under a joint municipal hospital authority, to remove conditions that now apply to the sale to a nonprofit corporation of a hospital owned by a hospital authority that has a jurisdiction with a member population of less than 300,000.

Specifically, the bill would eliminate provisions that require any subsequent sale, lease, or transfer of the hospital by the nonprofit corporation to be approved by the voters of the hospital authority, require it to be for fair market value, and require the proceeds of the transaction to go to the hospital authority.

In addition, the bill would eliminate provisions that now require the nonprofit corporation to adopt policies to ensure that, to a reasonable degree, hospital care is provided free of charge to indigent persons in the hospital's service area and that the hospital complies with a requirement of the Public Health Code that patients not be denied appropriate care based on their source of payment.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in progress.

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