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AN ACT
REPEALING SECTION 36-405, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2021, CHAPTER 405, SECTION 10; AMENDING SECTION 36-405, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2021, CHAPTER 363, SECTION 1; AMENDING SECTIONS 36-421 AND 36-422, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Repeal

Section 36-405, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2021, chapter 405, section 10, is repealed.

Sec. 2. Section 36-405, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2021, chapter 363, section 1, is amended to read:

36-405. Powers and duties of the director

A. The director shall adopt rules to establish minimum standards and requirements for constructing, modifying and licensing health care institutions necessary to ensure the public health, safety and welfare. The standards and requirements shall relate to the construction, equipment, sanitation, staffing for medical, nursing and personal care services, and recordkeeping pertaining to administering medical, nursing, behavioral health and personal care services, in accordance with generally accepted practices of health care. The standards shall require that a physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17 medically discharge patients from surgery and shall allow an outpatient surgical center to require that either an anesthesia provider who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 15 or 17 or a physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17 remain present on the premises until all patients are discharged from the recovery room. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the director shall use the current standards adopted by the joint commission on accreditation of hospitals and the commission on accreditation of the American osteopathic association or those adopted by any recognized accreditation organization approved by the department as guidelines in prescribing minimum standards and requirements under this section.

B. The director, by rule, may:

1. Classify and subclassify health care institutions according to character, size, range of services provided, medical or dental specialty offered, duration of care and standard of patient care required for the purposes of licensure. Classes of health care institutions may include hospitals, infirmaries, outpatient treatment centers, health screening services centers and residential care facilities. Whenever the director reasonably deems distinctions in rules and standards to be appropriate among different classes or subclasses of health care institutions, the director may make such distinctions.

2. Prescribe standards for determining a health care institution's substantial compliance with licensure requirements.

3. Prescribe the criteria for the licensure inspection process.

4. Prescribe standards for selecting health care-related demonstration projects.
5. Establish nonrefundable application and licensing fees for health care institutions, including a grace period and a fee for the late payment of licensing fees, and fees for architectural plans and specifications reviews.

6. Establish a process for the department to notify a licensee of the licensee’s licensing fee due date.

7. Establish a process for a licensee to request a different licensing fee due date, including any limits on the number of requests by the licensee.

C. The director, by rule, shall adopt licensing provisions that facilitate the colocation and integration of outpatient treatment centers that provide medical, nursing and health-related services with behavioral health services consistent with article 3.1 of this chapter.

D. Ninety percent of the fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the health services licensing fund established by section 36-414 and ten percent of the fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the state general fund.

E. Subsection B, paragraph 5 of this section does not apply to a health care institution operated by a state agency pursuant to state or federal law or to adult foster care residential settings.

Sec. 3. Section 36-421, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-421. Construction or modification of a health care institution

A. A license application for a health care institution shall include, architectural plans and specifications or the department's approval of ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, A NOTARIZED ATTESTATION FROM AN ARCHITECT REGISTERED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 1 THAT VERIFIES the architectural plans and specifications MEET OR EXCEED STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. These plans and specifications shall meet the minimum standards for licensure within the class or subclass of health care institution for which it is intended. The application shall include the name and address of each owner and lessee of any agricultural land that is regulated pursuant to section 3-365.

B. Construction or modification of a licensed health care institution shall meet the minimum standards for licensure within the class or subclass of health care institution for which it is intended.

C. An applicant shall comply with all state statutes and rules and local codes and ordinances required for the health care institution's construction.

D. A health care institution or its facility shall not be licensed if it is located on property that is less than four hundred feet from agricultural land that is regulated pursuant to section 3-365, except that the owner of the agricultural land may agree to comply with the buffer
zone requirements of section 3-365. If the owner agrees in writing to comply with the buffer zone requirements and records the agreement in the office of the county recorder as a restrictive covenant running with the title to the land, the health care institution or facility may be licensed and located within the affected buffer zone. The agreement may include any stipulations regarding the health care institution or facility, including conditions for future expansion of the health care institution or facility and changes in the operational status of the health care institution or facility that will result in a breach of the agreement. This subsection does not apply to the issuance of a license for a health care institution located in the same location for which a health care institution license was previously issued.

E. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a health care institution that was licensed as a level 1 psychiatric acute behavioral health facility-inpatient facility as of January 1, 2012 and that is not certified under title XIX of the social security act shall be licensed as a hospital and is not required to comply with the physical plant standards for a general hospital, rural general hospital or special hospital prescribed by the department.

F. An adult behavioral health therapeutic home is not required to comply with the building codes or zoning standards for a health care institution prescribed by the department.

G. The Arizona pioneers' home is not required to comply with subsection A of this section and the physical plant standards for a health care institution prescribed by the department.

H. A nursing-supported group home is not required to comply with the zoning standards for a health care institution prescribed by the department.

I. For the purposes of this section, health care institution does not include a home health agency or a hospice service agency.

Sec. 4. Section 36-422, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-422. Application for license; notification of proposed change in status; joint licenses; definitions

A. A person who wishes to apply for a license to operate a health care institution pursuant to this chapter shall submit to the department all of the following:

1. An application on a written or electronic form that is prescribed, prepared and furnished by the department and that contains all of the following:
   (a) The name and location of the health care institution.
   (b) Whether the health care institution is to be operated as a proprietary or nonproprietary institution.
(c) The name of the governing authority. The applicant shall be the governing authority having the operative ownership of, or the governmental agency charged with the administration of, the health care institution sought to be licensed. If the applicant is a partnership that is not a limited partnership, the partners shall apply jointly, and the partners are jointly the governing authority for purposes of this article.

(d) The name and business or residential address of each controlling person and an affirmation that none of the controlling persons has been denied a license or certificate by a health profession regulatory board pursuant to title 32 or by a state agency pursuant to chapter 6, article 7 or chapter 17 of this title or a license to operate a health care institution in this state or another state or has had a license or certificate issued by a health profession regulatory board pursuant to title 32 or issued by a state agency pursuant to chapter 6, article 7 or chapter 17 of this title or a license to operate a health care institution revoked. If a controlling person has been denied a license or certificate by a health profession regulatory board pursuant to title 32 or by a state agency pursuant to chapter 6, article 7 or chapter 17 of this title or a license to operate a health care institution in this state or another state or has had a health care professional license or a license to operate a health care institution revoked, the controlling person shall include in the application a comprehensive description of the circumstances for the denial or the revocation.

(e) The class or subclass of health care institution to be established or operated.

(f) The types and extent of the health care services to be provided, including emergency services, community health services and services to indigent patients.

(g) The name and qualifications of the chief administrative officer implementing direction in that specific health care institution.

(h) Other pertinent information required by the department for the proper administration of this chapter and department rules.

2. The architectural plans and specifications or the department's approval of the architectural plans and specifications ATTESTATION required by section 36-421, subsection A.

3. The applicable application fee.

B. An application submitted pursuant to this section shall contain the written or electronic signature of:

1. If the applicant is an individual, the owner of the health care institution.

2. If the applicant is a partnership, limited liability company or corporation, two of the officers of the corporation or managing members of the partnership or limited liability company or the sole member of the limited liability company if it has only one member.
3. If the applicant is a governmental unit, the head of the
governmental unit.

C. An application for licensure shall be submitted at least sixty
but not more than one hundred twenty days before the anticipated date of
operation. An application for a substantial compliance survey submitted
pursuant to section 36-425, subsection G shall be submitted at least
thirty days before the date on which the substantial compliance survey is
requested.

D. If a current licensee intends to terminate the operation of a
licensed health care institution or if a change of ownership is planned,
the current licensee shall notify the director in writing at least thirty
days before the termination of operation or change in ownership is to take
place. The current licensee is responsible for preventing any
interruption of services required to sustain the life, health and safety
of the patients or residents. A new owner shall not begin operating the
health care institution until the director issues a license to the new
owner.

E. A licensed health care institution for which operations have not
been terminated for more than thirty days may be relicensed pursuant to
the codes and standards for architectural plans and specifications that
were applicable under its most recent license.

F. If a person operates a hospital in a county with a population of
more than five hundred thousand persons in a setting that includes
satellite facilities of the hospital that are located separately from the
main hospital building, the department at the request of the applicant or
licensee shall issue a single group license to the hospital and its
designated satellite facilities located within one-half mile of the main
hospital building if all of the facilities meet or exceed department
licensure requirements for the designated facilities. At the request of
the applicant or licensee, the department shall also issue a single group
license that includes the hospital and not more than ten of its designated
satellite facilities that are located farther than one-half mile from the
main hospital building if all of these facilities meet or exceed
applicable department licensure requirements. Each facility included
under a single group license is subject to the department's licensure
requirements that are applicable to that category of facility. Subject to
compliance with applicable licensure or accreditation requirements, the
department shall reissue individual licenses for the facility of a
hospital located in separate buildings from the main hospital building
when requested by the hospital. This subsection does not apply to nursing
care institutions and residential care institutions. The department is
not limited in conducting inspections of an accredited health care
institution to ensure that the institution meets department licensure
requirements. If a person operates a hospital in a county with a
population of five hundred thousand persons or less in a setting that
includes satellite facilities of the hospital that are located separately
from the main hospital building, the department at the request of the
applicant or licensee shall issue a single group license to the hospital
and its designated satellite facilities located within thirty-five miles
of the main hospital building if all of the facilities meet or exceed
department licensure requirements for the designated facilities. At the
request of the applicant or licensee, the department shall also issue a
single group license that includes the hospital and not more than ten of
its designated satellite facilities that are located farther than
thirty-five miles from the main hospital building if all of these
facilities meet or exceed applicable department licensure requirements.

G. If a county with a population of more than one million persons
or a special health care district in a county with a population of more
than one million persons operates an accredited hospital that includes the
hospital’s accredited facilities that are located separately from the main
hospital building and the accrediting body’s standards as applied to all
facilities meet or exceed the department's licensure requirements, the
department shall issue a single license to the hospital and its facilities
if requested to do so by the hospital. If a hospital complies with
applicable licensure or accreditation requirements, the department shall
reissue individual licenses for each hospital facility that is located in
a separate building from the main hospital building if requested to do so
by the hospital. This subsection does not limit the department's duty to
inspect a health care institution to determine its compliance with
department licensure standards. This subsection does not apply to nursing
care institutions and residential care institutions.

H. An applicant or licensee must notify the department within
thirty days after any change regarding a controlling person and provide
the information and affirmation required pursuant to subsection A,
paragraph 1, subdivision (d) of this section.

I. A behavioral health residential facility that provides services
to children must notify the department within thirty days after the
facility begins contracting exclusively with the federal government,
receives only federal monies and does not contract with this state.

J. This section does not limit the application of federal laws and
regulations to an applicant or licensee that is certified as a medicare or
an Arizona health care cost containment system provider under federal law.

K. Except for an outpatient treatment center providing dialysis
services or abortion procedures, a person wishing to begin operating an
outpatient treatment center before a licensing inspection is completed
shall submit all of the following:

1. The license application required pursuant to this section.
2. All applicable application and license fees.
3. A written request for a temporary license that includes:
   (a) The anticipated date of operation.
(b) An attestation signed by the applicant that the applicant and the facility comply with and will continue to comply with the applicable licensing statutes and rules.

L. Within seven days after the department's receipt of the items required in subsection K of this section, but not before the anticipated operation date submitted pursuant to subsection C of this section, the department shall issue a temporary license that includes:

1. The name of the facility.
2. The name of the licensee.
3. The facility's class or subclass.
4. The temporary license's effective date.
5. The location of the licensed premises.

M. A facility may begin operating on the effective date of the temporary license.

N. The director may cease the issuance of temporary licenses at any time if the director believes that public health and safety is endangered.

O. For the purposes of this section:

1. "Accredited" means accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization.
2. "Satellite facility" means an outpatient facility at which the hospital provides outpatient medical services.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 23, 2022.