A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide a six-2 year exemption from general excise taxes for payments received 3 from medicaid or medicare by any for-profit hospital group that 4 annually provides services for patients, of which sixty per cent 5 or more are uninsured, medicaid, and medicare patients. 6 The legislature intends that without exception, all gross 7 income derived from medicaid or medicare payments by a for-8 profit hospital group be exempt from the general excise tax. 9 SECTION 2. Chapter 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 11 and to read as follows: 12 For-profit hospitals, infirmaries, and 13 sanitaria; exemption. Notwithstanding any other law to the 14 contrary, this chapter shall not apply to gross income received 15 from medicaid or medicare of any for-profit hospital group that 16 annually provides services for patients, of which sixty per cent

or more are uninsured, medicaid, and medicare patients."

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- 1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020;
- 3 provided that this Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2014.

Report Title:

For-profit Hospitals; General Excise Tax Exemption

Description:

Provides a general excise tax exemption for six years for payments received from Medicaid or Medicare by a for-profit hospital, that provides services to an annual patient population consisting of sixty per cent or more uninsured, medicaid, and medicare patients. Sunset June 30, 2014. (HB2759 HD2)