

House Bill 853

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 exemptions from certificate of need requirements, so as to revise an exemption relating to  
3 mental health facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions  
8 from certificate of need requirements, is amended by revising paragraph (16) of subsection  
9 (a) as follows:

10 "(16) Expenditures for nonclinical projects, including parking lots, parking decks, and  
11 other parking facilities; computer systems, software, and other information technology;  
12 medical office buildings; and state and private mental health facilities;"

13 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.