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By Assemblymen DEVERIN, GREGORIO, SNEDEKER, FORAN  
and BORNHEIMER

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

AN ACT to amend the "Health Care Facilities Planning Act,"  
approved May 10, 1971 (P. L. 1971, c. 136).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 2 of P. L. 1971, c. 136 (C. 26:2H-2) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 2. The following words or phrases, as used in this act, shall  
4 have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

5 a. "Health care facility" means the facility or institution  
6 whether public or private, engaged principally in providing services  
7 for health maintenance organizations, diagnosis or treatment of  
8 human disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition, in-  
9 cluding, but not limited to, a general hospital, special hospital,  
10 mental hospital, public health center, diagnostic center, treatment  
11 center, rehabilitation center, extended care facility, skilled nursing  
12 home, nursing home, intermediate care facility, tuberculosis hos-  
13 pital, chronic disease hospital, maternity hospital, outpatient  
14 clinic, dispensary, home health care agency, boarding home or other  
15 home for the sheltered care of adult persons and bioanalytical  
16 laboratory or central services facility serving one or more such  
17 institutions but excluding institutions that provide healing solely  
18 by prayer.

19 b. "Health care service" means the preadmission, out-patient,  
20 in-patient and post-discharge care provided in or by a health care  
21 facility, and such other items or services as are necessary for such  
22 care, which are provided by or under the supervision of a physician  
23 for the purpose of health maintenance organizations, diagnosis or  
24 treatment of human disease, pain, injury, disability, deformity or  
25 physical condition, including, but not limited to, nursing service,  
26 home care nursing and other paramedical service, ambulance ser-

27 vice, service provided by an intern, resident in training or physician  
28 whose compensation is provided through agreement with a health  
29 care facility, laboratory service, medical social service, drugs, bio-  
30 logicals, supplies, appliances, equipment, bed and board, but exclud-  
31 ing services provided by a physician in his private practice or by  
32 practitioners of healing solely by prayer, *and services provided*  
33 *by volunteer first aid, rescue and ambulance squads as defined in*  
34 *the "New Jersey Highway Safety Act of 1971," P. L. 1971, c. 351.*

35 c. "Construction" means the erection, building, or substantial  
36 acquisition, alteration, reconstruction, improvement, renovation,  
37 extension or modification of a health care facility, including its  
38 equipment, the inspection and supervision thereof; and the studies,  
39 surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, proce-  
40 dures, and other actions necessary thereto.

41 d. "Board" means the Health Care Administration Board  
42 established pursuant to this act.

43 e. "Government agency" means a department, board, bureau,  
44 division office, agency, public benefit or other corporation, or any  
45 other unit, however described, of the State or political subdivision  
46 thereof.

47 f. "State Health Planning Council" means the existing State  
48-51 Health Planning Council formed under the provisions of Federal  
52 Law 89-749, as amended and supplemented.

53 g. "Comprehensive area-wide health planning agency" means an  
54 officially recognized health planning agency formed under the pro-  
55 visions of Federal Law 89-749, as amended and supplemented.

56 h. "Area planning council" means a voluntary, nonprofit orga-  
57 nization composed of persons representative of hospitals, nursing  
58 homes, and consumers of medical care services, formed for the  
59 purpose of planning the health facilities in a definite geographical  
60 area which is recognized by the commissioner through referral of  
61 applications for certificate of need as provided by this act.

62 i. "Department" means the State Department of Health.

63 j. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

This legislation would exempt volunteer first aid, rescue and ambulance squads from the provisions of the "Health Care Facilities Planning Act" (P. L. 1971, c. 136), and thereby, exempt such voluntary emergency assistance groups from "certificate of need" requirements.