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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 209E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and  
3 to read as follows:

4                           **"PART . SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES**

5                   **§209E-A Skilled nursing facilities; equal benefits;**  
6 **location outside enterprise zone; when.** Each skilled nursing  
7 facility located outside a designated enterprise zone that:

- 8           (1) Begins operation as a new facility; or  
9           (2) Expands existing operations as a skilled nursing  
10           facility,

11 on January 1, 2010, or thereafter shall be deemed a qualified  
12 business operating within an enterprise zone for the purpose of  
13 applying for and receiving all benefits provided under this  
14 chapter."

15           SECTION 2. Section 209E-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended as follows:

17           1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
18 and to read:

1        "Skilled nursing facility" has the same meaning as defined  
2 in Section 1819(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended (42  
3 U.S.C. 1395i-3)."

4        2. By amending the definition of "medical and health care  
5 services" to read:

6        "'Medical and health care services" means medical research,  
7 clinical trials, [~~and~~] telemedicine, and services provided in a  
8 skilled nursing facility, but does not include any other routine  
9 medical treatment or services."

10        SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**Report Title:**

Skilled Nursing Facilities; Enterprise Zone Benefits

**Description:**

Establishes that on 1/1/2010, treats each new skilled nursing facility or facility expanding its operations outside an enterprise zone as operating within an enterprise zone for purposes of eligibility to receive all benefits provided in enterprise zones. Adds definition of skilled nursing facility. Amends definition of medical and health care services. (SD1)