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## 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 four-  
2 year deferment 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, or recipients of medicaid or medicare.

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 deferred their 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           "§237-    For-profit hospitals, infirmaries, and sanitaris;  
13 deferment. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, this  
14 chapter shall apply to the deferment of 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  
17 or more are uninsured, or recipients of medicaid or medicare."

18           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
2 provided that this Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2013.

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**Report Title:**

For-profit Hospitals; General Excise Tax Deferment

**Description:**

Provides a general excise tax deferment for 4 years for payments received from medicaid or medicare by for-profit hospitals, that provide services to an annual patient population consisting of 60% or more uninsured, medicaid, and medicare patients.

