

As used in this subchapter:

- (1) "Acquire" means a purchase or transfer under which a hospital will own or control the business of ~~the~~ medical practice.
- (2) "Medical practice" means a business through which one or more physicians practice medicine.
- (3) "Hospital" means a general hospital or hospital facility licensed under chapter 43 of this title.

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 9405c is added to read:

§ 9405c. NOTICE OF ~~AFFILIATION~~ ACQUISITION

(a) Each hospital shall provide notice to the Office of the Attorney General at least 90 days or as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of a transaction that will result in ~~a new affiliation between the hospital and one or more health care providers or between the hospital and a~~ an acquisition by the hospital of a ~~group~~ medical practice. The notice shall include at least the following information:

- (1) the name and address of the hospital acquiring the ~~provider, providers, or group~~ medical practice and contact information for a representative of the hospital; and
- (2) the name and address of the ~~provider, providers, or group~~ medical practice being acquired and contact information for a representative of the ~~provider, providers, or practice.~~ medical practice

(b) Information provided to the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to this section is exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to allow the Office to perform an inquiry into potentially anticompetitive practices.