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Summary of Issue

- Requesting a technical correction of Act 6 (S. 117)
- Act 6 of 2021 extends health care regulatory flexibility for the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Secs. 17 and 18 include licensing provisions that apply to (undefined) “licensed facilities”; plain meaning doesn’t clearly include home health and hospice agencies
- Home health and hospice agencies are “health care facilities” under 18 V.S.A. § 9432 (8)(B)

Proposal

- Amend each instance in Act 6 where it says “licensed facility or federally qualified health center” to “licensed facility, health care facility as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9432 or federally qualified health center”
- Important to preserve (not replace) the term “licensed facility” because the term includes some licensed organizations (e.g., residential care) not covered in the health care facility definition