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MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Marvin L. Abney  
Chairman, House Finance Committee  
  
The Honorable William J. Conley, Jr.  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

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**Date:** February 13, 2018

**Subject:** Amendment to Article 7 of the FY 2019 Appropriations Act  
(18-H-7200)

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The Governor requests that the following changes be made to the Article 7 entitled "Relating to Fees".

Page 212 (of the full bill), Line 2, change the date from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2016 and on Line 14, change the date from September 30, 2017 to September 30, 2016.

This section of the article authorizes the collection of the Hospital Licensing Fee in FY 2019, but traditionally the dates referencing the fiscal years of the hospital upon which the fee is calculated are not changed. The article as submitted incorrectly advanced these two dates by one year, along with the other dates in the section.

The second change requested in Article 7 is in Section 7 on page 215. The effective date of the entire article should be July 1, 2018 and thus all language on lines 27 and 28 after "July 1, 2018" should be removed. The revenue estimates included in the Governor's recommended budget from the fee changes proposed in sections 1 and 3 are based on a July 1, 2018 effective date.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please feel free to call me at 222-6300.

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