***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Rural Hospitals**

Missouri senators take a look at health care legislation.

Senator Elaine Gannon of De Soto handles [House Bill 402](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB402&year=2023&code=R) in the upper chamber.

She tells her colleagues this proposal seeks to modify provisions relating to hospitals…

 **Gannon :10 Q: rural hospital closures.**

House Bill 402 is based on federal wording that defines a rural hospital.

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City says the Show-Me State has seen a growing number of rural hospitals close in recent years…

 **Arthur :08 Q: kind of hospital.**

House Bill 402 has been set aside for further consideration.

In the meantime, Missouri Senate discussion on the next budget could start this week.

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