

Subject Exception to hospital construction moratorium

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Overview

Current law prohibits the establishment of a new hospital or a hospital construction project that increases hospital bed capacity, relocates beds from one site to another, or otherwise results in an increase in or redistribution of hospital beds within the state. If a hospital wishes to increase its number of licensed beds, relocate beds, or otherwise redistribute beds in the state, or if an organization is seeking a license for a new hospital, the hospital or organization must obtain an exception in law to the moratorium. This bill permits the relocation of up to 26 long-term acute care hospital beds from Regency Hospital in Golden Valley to dedicated space on the campus of Regions Hospital in St. Paul to operate as long-term acute care hospital beds.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Restricted construction or modification.</p> <p>Amends § 144.551, subd. 1. Adds an exception to the moratorium on hospital construction projects that increase bed capacity, relocate or redistribute beds, or establish a new hospital, to allow a project involving the relocation of up to 26 long-term acute care hospital beds from Regency Hospital in Golden Valley to dedicated space on the campus of Regions Hospital in St. Paul to operate as long-term acute care hospital beds, provided the commissioner of health finds the project is in the public interest after conducting a public interest review. (A public interest review was completed on April 5, 2024, and the project was determined to be in the public interest.)</p> |
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