

**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 or redistribution of hospital beds within the state. If a hospital wishes to increase its number of licensed beds or if an organization is seeking a license for a hospital, the hospital or organization must submit a plan to the commissioner, and the commissioner must conduct a public interest review of the plan. This bill establishes an exception to the construction moratorium to allow Regions Hospital to add 45 licensed beds, and exempts this project from public interest review by the commissioner.

## Summary

Section	Description
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<b>1</b>	<b>Restricted construction or modification.</b>
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	Amends § 144.551, subd. 1. Adds an exception to the moratorium on hospital construction projects that increase bed capacity, relocate beds, or establish new hospitals, to allow Regions Hospital to add 45 licensed beds to its facility. States that the commissioner conducted a public interest review in 2018 of construction and expansion at Regions Hospital, and that no further public interest review shall be conducted for this project.
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