

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3467, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (H3467DE1), as follows:

1.3 Page 40, after line 28, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 23. **EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR DESIGNATION AS A CRITICAL**
1.5 **ACCESS HOSPITAL.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of health shall seek all necessary waivers from requirements
1.7 of, and pursue all necessary changes to, the Medicare rural hospital flexibility program
1.8 established in United States Code, title 42, section 1395i-4 to expand the number of rural
1.9 hospitals that are eligible for designation as a critical access hospital. In the waiver request
1.10 or program changes, the commissioner shall seek authority to designate any hospital that
1.11 applies for designation as a critical access hospital if the hospital:

1.12 (1) is located in a Minnesota county that is a rural area as defined in United States
1.13 Code, title 42, section 1395ww(d)(2)(D). A hospital is not required to be located 35 miles
1.14 from another hospital, or 15 miles from another hospital if located in mountainous terrain
1.15 or in an area with only secondary roads; and

1.16 (2) is licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56 and is certified to participate in the
1.17 Medicare program.

1.18 (b) The commissioner shall determine other eligibility criteria for which waivers
1.19 or program changes should be requested, in order to expand eligibility for designation
1.20 as a critical access hospital to the greatest number of rural hospitals in the state. The
1.21 commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
1.22 committees with jurisdiction over health care finance and policy, by January 1, 2017, on
1.23 the status of the waiver request or request for program changes."

1.24 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

1.25 Amend the title accordingly