

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1173 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144.555, is amended to read:

1.4 **144.555 HOSPITAL FACILITY OR CAMPUS CLOSINGS, RELOCATING**
1.5 **SERVICES, OR CEASING TO OFFER CERTAIN SERVICES; PATIENT**
1.6 **RELOCATIONS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Notice of closing or curtailing service operations; facilities other than**
1.8 **hospitals.** If a facility licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56, other than a hospital,
1.9 voluntarily plans to cease operations or to curtail operations to the extent that patients or
1.10 residents must be relocated, the controlling persons of the facility must notify the
1.11 commissioner of health at least 90 days before the scheduled cessation or curtailment. The
1.12 commissioner shall cooperate with the controlling persons and advise them about relocating
1.13 the patients or residents.

1.14 Subd. 1a. **Notice of closing, curtailing operations, relocating services, or ceasing to**
1.15 **offer certain services; hospitals.** (a) The controlling persons of a hospital licensed under
1.16 sections 144.50 to 144.56 or a hospital campus must notify the commissioner of health at
1.17 least nine months before a scheduled action if the hospital or hospital campus voluntarily
1.18 plans to:

1.19 (1) cease operations;

1.20 (2) curtail operations to the extent that patients must be relocated;

1.21 (3) relocate the provision of health services to another hospital or another hospital
1.22 campus; or

1.23 (4) cease offering maternity care and newborn care services, intensive care unit services,
1.24 inpatient mental health services, or inpatient substance use disorder treatment services.

2.1 (b) The commissioner shall cooperate with the controlling persons and advise them
2.2 about relocating the patients. The controlling persons of the hospital or hospital campus
2.3 must comply with section 144.556.

2.4 Subd. 1b. **Public hearing.** Upon receiving notice under subdivision 1a, the commissioner
2.5 shall conduct a public hearing on the scheduled cessation of operations, curtailment of
2.6 operations, relocation of health services, or cessation in offering health services. The
2.7 commissioner must provide adequate public notice of the hearing in a time and manner
2.8 determined by the commissioner. The public hearing must be held in the community where
2.9 the hospital or hospital campus is located at least six months before the scheduled cessation
2.10 or curtailment of operations, relocation of health services, or cessation in offering health
2.11 services. The controlling persons of the hospital or hospital campus must participate in the
2.12 public hearing. The public hearing must include:

2.13 (1) an explanation by the controlling persons of the reasons for ceasing or curtailing
2.14 operations, relocating health services, or ceasing to offer any of the listed health services;

2.15 (2) a description of the actions that controlling persons will take to ensure that residents
2.16 in the hospital's or campus's service area have continued access to the health services being
2.17 eliminated, curtailed, or relocated;

2.18 (3) an opportunity for public testimony on the scheduled cessation or curtailment of
2.19 operations, relocation of health services, or cessation in offering any of the listed health
2.20 services, and on the hospital's or campus's plan to ensure continued access to those health
2.21 services being eliminated, curtailed, or relocated; and

2.22 (4) an opportunity for the controlling persons to respond to questions from interested
2.23 persons.

2.24 Subd. 2. **Penalty.** Failure to notify the commissioner under subdivision 1 or 1a or failure
2.25 to participate in a public hearing under subdivision 1b may result in issuance of a correction
2.26 order under section 144.653, subdivision 5."