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- 1** **Exceptions for replacement beds after June 30, 2003.** Amends § 144A.071, subd. 4c. Provides an exception to the nursing home moratorium to allow the commissioner of health to license and certify a new 60-bed facility in Austin, provided that: (1) 45 of the new beds are transferred from a 45-bed facility in Austin under common ownership that is closed and 15 of the new beds are transferred from a 182-bed facility in Albert Lea under common ownership; (2) the commissioner of human services is authorized by the 2004 legislature to negotiate budget-neutral planned nursing facility closures; and (3) money is available from planned closures of facilities under common ownership to make implementation of the exception budget-neutral to the state. Requires the bed capacity of the Albert Lea facility to be reduced by 15 beds and requires 20 beds at the new facility to be used for a special care unit for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.