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Overview

Grants the city of Northfield authorization to establish and operate related medical facilities at a site outside the city limits and broadens the authority of the city to acquire property for hospitals or related medical facilities.

Section

- 1 Northfield; Medical facilities.** Allows the city of Northfield to acquire, establish, and operate a related medical facility, as well as a hospital, at a location to be determined by the Northfield city council, including a site outside the city limits. (Under current law, cities of the third or fourth class are allowed only to operate hospitals, and these hospitals must be located within the city limits.) Allows the city to take these actions by resolution or ordinance approved by two-thirds of the city council.
- 2 Acquisition of sites and property.** Allows the city of Northfield to acquire property by any legal means to establish, own, and operate a hospital or related medical facility. (Under current law, this authority is limited to acquisition by gift, purchase, or condemnation.)
- 3 Effective date; No local approval required.** Exempts sections 1 and 2 from the local approval requirement, and provides that the sections are effective the day following final enactment.