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## Bill Summary

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Amends § 144A.071, subd. 4a. Current law imposes a moratorium on the creation of new nursing home beds and construction projects that exceed \$1,000,000. Section 144A.071, subdivision 4a, lists a number of exceptions to this moratorium, allowing the commissioner to approve certain nursing home construction projects that would otherwise be forbidden. The legislature previously wrote an exception into subdivision 4a for a project in Polk County to replace a nursing home that was destroyed by a flood. This exception required that the replacement project and beds were to be built in Polk County.

H.F. 515 amends this exception to allow the project to construct 25 beds in Polk County and 104 beds distributed among up to three other counties. The other counties must have fewer than the median number of age-intensity adjusted beds published by the commissioner. The licensee may combine the additional beds authorized under H.F. 515 with beds relocated from other facilities that were approved under the moratorium exception process.

H.F. 515 requires that the commissioner calculate the property-related reimbursement rates for the construction projects using existing rules and statutes governing property reimbursement rates. If the replacement beds are combined with beds from other facilities, the commissioner must calculate the property rate as a weighted average of the rates.