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Overview

This bill establishes an exception to the moratorium on hospital construction or modifications, to allow Regions Hospital to add 100 licensed beds to its existing facility. A moratorium on hospital construction or modification has been in place since 1984. Since that time, 27 exceptions to the moratorium have been enacted, 11 of these since 2004.

Section

1 Restricted construction or modification. Amends § 144.551, subd. 1. Current law prohibits the construction of a new hospital and any hospital construction that increases hospital bed capacity or increases or redistributes hospital beds in the state. This section establishes an exception to the moratorium, to allow Regions Hospital in St. Paul (an existing safety net, level I trauma center hospital in Ramsey County) to add 100 licensed beds to its existing facility.