

Subject Exception to moratorium on hospital construction or modification;
new hospital in Ramsey County for inpatient mental health services

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Overview

Current law prohibits the establishment of a new hospital or a hospital construction project that increases hospital bed capacity, relocates beds from one site to another, or otherwise results in an increase in or redistribution of hospital beds within the state. If a hospital wishes to increase its number of licensed beds or if an organization is seeking a license for a new hospital, the hospital or organization must submit a plan to the commissioner, and the commissioner must conduct a public interest review of the plan. This bill authorizes a project to construct a new hospital in Ramsey County with 144 licensed beds to be used exclusively for providing inpatient mental health services.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Restricted construction or modification.
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	Amends § 144.551, subd. 1. Adds an exception to the moratorium on hospital construction or modification, to allow a project to construct a new hospital in Ramsey County with 144 licensed beds to be used exclusively for providing inpatient mental health services. Allows construction of the new hospital to begin before completion of the public interest review process.
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