

Subject Exception to moratorium on hospital construction or modification;
Children's Hospital in St. Paul

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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 establishes an exception to the moratorium on hospital construction or modification, to allow Children's Hospital in St. Paul to add 22 licensed beds to be used for pediatric inpatient behavioral health services.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Restricted construction or modification.</p> <p>Amends § 144.551, subd. 1. Adds an exception to the moratorium on hospital construction or modification, to allow Children's Hospital in St. Paul to add 22 licensed beds to be used for pediatric inpatient behavioral health services. Allows the hospital to add licensed beds before completing a public interest review, as long as the hospital submits its plan for public interest review by the 2022 deadline and follows the timelines in statute for public interest review.</p> |
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