

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to health; establishing a blanket hospital construction moratorium exception  
 1.3 for increasing mental health bed capacity; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020,  
 1.4 section 144.551, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144.551, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 1a. **Exception for increased mental health bed capacity.** Subdivision 1, paragraph  
 1.9 (a), and sections 144.552 and 144.553, do not apply to:

1.10 (1) those portions of any erection, building, alteration, reconstruction, modernization,  
 1.11 improvement, extension, lease, or other acquisition by or on behalf of a hospital that increase  
 1.12 the mental health bed capacity of a hospital; or

1.13 (2) to the establishment of a new psychiatric hospital.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2022, and applies to any  
 1.15 projects commenced on or after this date.