

## S.F. No. 2122 – Hospital construction and design standards

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**S.F. 2112** repeals rules related construction and design of hospitals. The repealed rules are replaced with the Facility Guideline Institute’s *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals*.

**Section 1 [Standards for licensure]** strikes the requirement for the commissioner to adopt rules for additional standards for new construction of hospitals. Requires new licenses, new construction, changes of use, or changes of occupancy to meet the minimum design standards from the 2022 edition of the Facility Guidelines Institute *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals*. Provides a process for the commissioner to update the edition of the guidelines to be used. Hospitals must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations, including fire safety, building, and zoning requirements. This section is effective August 1, 2023.

**Section 2 [Request for variance or waiver]** amends the section of law that allows a hospital to request a variance. Strikes a reference to rules that are being repealed and replaces it with a cross reference to the *Guidelines* adopted in section 1. This section is effective August 1, 2023.

**Section 3 [Criteria for evaluation]** amends the section of law that governs whether a variance will be granted or denied. Strikes a reference to rules that are being repealed and replaces it with a cross reference to the *Guidelines* adopted in section 1. This section is effective August 1, 2023.

**Section 4 [Effect of alternative measures or conditions]** amends the section of law on alternative measures or conditions that are attached to variances or waivers. Strikes a reference to rules that are being repealed and replaces it with a cross reference to the *Guidelines* adopted in section 1. This section is effective August 1, 2023.

**Section 5 [Repealer]** repeals Minnesota Rules, parts 4640.1500 to 4640.6400 (hospital licensing and operations rules regarding laboratory and x-ray services; accommodations, furnishings, and equipment for care; food service and food sanitation; physical plant; mental and psychiatric hospitals; and chronic disease hospitals) and parts 4645.0300 to 4645.5200 (hospital construction and equipment rules regarding design and construction; facilities in general hospitals; specialized

units of the general hospital; chronic disease hospital facilities; and structural work, mechanical work, electrical installations, elevators and dumbwaiters, and service facilities for all hospitals.)