

Senator moves to amend the delete-everything amendment (SCS4699A-2) to S.F. No. 4699 as follows:

Page 96, after line 25, insert:

"Sec. 10. [144.556] HOSPITAL CLOSURE MORATORIUM.

(a) For purposes of this section, "hospital" means an acute care institution licensed under Minnesota Statutes, sections 144.50 to 144.58.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, from the effective date of this section, unless a public interest review that is substantially similar to the public interest review conducted under section 144.552, concludes that the proposed actions in clauses (1) to (5) are in the public interest, a hospital or hospital campus is prohibited from:

(1) ceasing operations;

(2) curtailing operations to the extent that patients must be relocated;

(3) relocating the provision of health services to another hospital or another hospital campus;

(4) ceasing to offer maternity care and newborn care services, operating room services, intensive care unit services, pediatric overnight services, inpatient mental health services, or inpatient substance use disorder treatment services; or

(5) implementing an action listed in clauses (1) to (4) for which notice was provided to the commissioner of health and the public under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.555, before the effective date of this section.

(d) Paragraph (b) does not apply:

(1) if the hospital ceases operations due to insolvency of the corporation in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 317A, or if insolvency proceedings are commenced under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 60B; or

(2) if the cessation in or curtailment of operations, relocation of health services, or cessation in offering certain health services is necessary, as determined by the commissioner of health, because of a fire, tornado, flood, storm damage, or other similar disaster.

(e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner of health must enforce this section using the powers and authority in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.653.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references