

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1744

To provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2007

Mr. OBERSTAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MEDICARE CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL DES-**  
4 **IGNATION.**

5 Section 405(h) of the Medicare Prescription Drug,  
6 Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law  
7 108–173; 117 Stat. 2269) is amended by adding at the  
8 end the following new paragraph:

9 “(3) EXCEPTION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made  
11 by paragraph (1) shall not apply to the certifi-  
12 cation by the State of Minnesota on or after

1           January 1, 2006, under section  
2           1820(c)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Social Security Act  
3           (42 U.S.C. 1395i-4(c)(2)(B)(i)(II)) of one hos-  
4           pital that meets the criteria described in sub-  
5           paragraph (B) and is located in Cass County,  
6           Minnesota, as a necessary provider of health  
7           care services to residents in the area of the hos-  
8           pital.

9           “(B) CRITERIA DESCRIBED.—A hospital  
10          meets the criteria described in this subpara-  
11          graph if the hospital—

12                 “(i) has been granted an exception by  
13                 the State to an otherwise applicable statu-  
14                 tory restriction on hospital construction or  
15                 licensing prior to the date of enactment of  
16                 this subparagraph; and

17                 “(ii) is located on property which the  
18                 State has approved for conveyance to a  
19                 county within the State prior to such date  
20                 of enactment.”.

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