

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1479

To provide for the treatment of certain hospitals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 21, 2009

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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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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