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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 1755**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy

04/19/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to commerce; requiring ownership and control of the University of  
1.3 Minnesota Hospitals by the University of Minnesota or a Minnesota nonprofit;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 158.02.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 158.02, is amended to read:

1.7 **158.02 WHAT PATIENTS MAY BE TREATED; RESEARCH WORK.**

1.8 The University of Minnesota Hospitals shall be primarily and principally designed  
1.9 for the care of legal residents of Minnesota who are afflicted with a malady, deformity,  
1.10 or ailment of a nature which can probably be remedied by hospital service and treatment  
1.11 and who are unable, financially, to secure such care; or, in case of a minor, whose parent,  
1.12 guardian, trustee, or other person having lawful custody of the minor's person, as the case  
1.13 may be, is unable financially to secure such care. The University of Minnesota Hospitals  
1.14 are hereby designated as places of treatment for such persons.

1.15 The hospitals shall be utilized for such instruction and for such scientific research  
1.16 as will promote the welfare of the patients committed to their care and assist in the  
1.17 application of science to the alleviation of human suffering.

1.18 Ownership and control of the University of Minnesota Hospitals, if not exercised  
1.19 by the Regents of the University of Minnesota, may only be exercised by a nonprofit  
1.20 corporation organized under the laws of Minnesota. A Minnesota nonprofit corporation  
1.21 exercising such ownership shall not agree to transfer ownership or control over any  
1.22 portion of the University of Minnesota Hospitals to a foreign corporation, cooperative,  
1.23 partnership, or entity. "Transfer" includes any change in asset ownership resulting from  
1.24 the nonprofit corporation's merger with or acquisition by a foreign business entity.

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