

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 271

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAAF.

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to financial interests of hospitals.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 197, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 197.125, to read as follows:

2 **197.125. 1. No hospital licensed in this state, parent company of such hospital, or**  
3 **affiliate of such hospital shall own, or have any ownership or other financial interests in**  
3 **any health carrier, as defined in section 376.1350, RSMo.**

4 **2. Any hospital, parent company, or affiliate that owns, or has any ownership or**  
5 **other financial interests in a health carrier on the effective date of this section shall divest**  
6 **of such interests by January 1, 2007.**

7 **3. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section by a hospital, its parent**  
8 **company, or its affiliate shall make the hospital subject to licensure suspension or**  
9 **revocation.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.