

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1855

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAAF (Sponsor), MEINERS,  
ATKINS AND SANDER (Co sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to 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 197.710, to read as follows:

**197.710. 1. No hospital shall require a physician to agree to make referrals to that  
2 hospital or any hospital-affiliated facility as a condition of receiving medical staff  
3 membership or medical staff privileges.**

**4 2. No hospital shall refuse to grant medical staff membership or privileges,  
5 condition or otherwise limit medical staff membership or privileges, or limit a physician's  
6 medical staff participation because the physician, or a partner, associate, employee, or  
7 family member of the physician, provides medical or health care services at, or has an  
8 ownership interest in, or occupies a leadership position on the medical staff of another  
9 hospital, hospital system, or health care facility.**

**10 3. No hospital or hospital system shall refuse to grant a physician, or a partner,  
11 associate, employee, or family member of the physician, participatory status in a hospital  
12 or hospital system health plan because the physician, or a partner, associate, employee, or  
13 family member of the physician, provides medical or health care services at, or has an  
14 ownership interest in, or occupies a leadership position on the medical staff of another  
15 hospital, hospital system, or health care facility.**

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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.