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HOUSE BILL NO. 3170

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KNIGHT.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 172, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the powers of the curators of the University of Missouri.

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

Section A. Chapter 172, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 172.975, to read as follows:

172.975. 1. In exercising the powers granted under section 172.020 and other
2 powers granted by statute or the Constitution of Missouri, the curators of the University
3 of Missouri are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire, manage, lease, purchase,
4 sell, contract for, or otherwise acquire an interest in or participate in the ownership or
5 operation of hospital, medical, or other health care facilities or providers, including but
6 not limited to through the acquisition of entities engaged in the provision of health care
7 services or the acquisition of assets of such entities, regardless of the competitive
8 consequences of these activities.

9 2. The state finds that the benefits of the university engaging in the activities
10 described in this section include preserving and expanding access to needed health care
11 services; expanding training opportunities for physicians, nurses, therapists, and other
12 health care professionals; enhancing the ability of the university to advance research
13 and innovation in health care and other scientific and technological fields; furthering
14 economic development throughout the state by enhancing the quality of, and expanding
15 access to, health care delivered to medically underserved populations; managing costs;
16 and improving the efficiency of the health care services it delivers. The state finds that
17 these benefits outweigh any adverse impact on competition.

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.

18 **3. The state affirmatively expresses a policy to allow the curators of the**
19 **University of Missouri to engage in the activities described in this section,**
20 **notwithstanding that such activities may have the effect of displacing competition in**
21 **the provision of hospital, physician, or other health care-related services.**

22 **4. The board of curators of the University of Missouri and any public or private**
23 **entities and individuals with which the board collaborates shall be immunized from**
24 **liability under all federal and state antitrust laws, including section 416.031 or any**
25 **similar law, with respect to the activities described in this section within the following**
26 **twenty-five-county area: Adair, Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Chariton, Cole,**
27 **Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Linn, Macon, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe,**
28 **Montgomery, Morgan, Osage, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Randolph, and Saline.**

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