

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; modifying definition of approved accrediting organization;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.55, subdivision 2.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.55, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.7 the meanings given:

1.8 (a) "Outpatient surgical center" or "center" means a freestanding facility organized
1.9 for the specific purpose of providing elective outpatient surgery for preexamined,
1.10 prediagnosed, low-risk patients. Admissions are limited to procedures that utilize general
1.11 anesthesia or conscious sedation and that do not require overnight inpatient care. An
1.12 outpatient surgical center is not organized to provide regular emergency medical services
1.13 and does not include a physician's or dentist's office or clinic for the practice of medicine,
1.14 the practice of dentistry, or the delivery of primary care.

1.15 (b) "Approved accrediting organization" means ~~the Joint Commission on~~
1.16 ~~Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or the American Osteopathic Association~~ any
1.17 organization recognized as an accreditation organization by the Centers for Medicare
1.18 and Medicaid Services.