

HCS HB 2441 -- CERTIFICATES OF NEED

SPONSOR: Jones

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, facilities operated by the state are not required to obtain a certificate of need, appropriation of funds to such facilities by the General Assembly are deemed in compliance with certificate of need provisions, and such facilities are deemed to have received an appropriate certificate of need without payment of any fee or charge. This bill requires hospitals operated by the state and licensed under Chapter 197, RSMo, to obtain a certificate of need and comply with the other provisions of certificate of need except for Department of Mental Health state-operated psychiatric hospitals. Certain types of equipment can still be purchased without a certificate of need.