

HB 1554 -- Licensure of Homes for Children

Sponsor: Fraser

This bill adds hospitals licensed pursuant to Chapter 197, RSMo, to the types of facilities for children that are exempt from licensure by the Department of Social Services.

The current exemption from licensure is removed for the following facilities for children:

- (1) Residential care facilities providing tuition-based educational programs which meet criteria recognized by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and
- (2) Foster home arrangements, residential care facilities, or child-placing agencies established and operated by well-known religious orders.

Currently, the department is prohibited from requiring facilities that believe they are exempt from licensure to submit documentation in support of the exemption. The bill removes that prohibition.