

SB 648 -- FIRE REGULATIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Champion (Denison)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Healthcare Facilities by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill replaces the term "lunatic asylum" with "mental health facilities" when referring to facilities that must have stairs or fire escapes.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say the bill is necessary to change the provisions of law to reflect the correct term.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Champion.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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