

HCS SCS SB 89 -- HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND SENIOR HOUSING

This bill prohibits a health information organization from restricting the exchange of state agency data or standards-based clinical summaries for patients for allowable uses under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. The fee for patients using this service must not exceed the cost of the actual technology connection or recurring maintenance. The bill corrects a mistake in Section 191.237, RSMo, dealing with health information organizations that was truly agreed to and finally passed in SCS HCS HB 986 in 2013.

The bill allows a nursing home district to establish and maintain senior housing in a third or fourth classification county. Currently, only Ralls and Marion counties are allowed to do this. The bill also changes the vote total required for passing a nursing home district local bond issue from a two-thirds majority to the constitutionally-required percentage of the votes cast.