

HB 1608 -- PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS

SPONSOR: Swan

The bill defines a "pain management clinic" as a privately owned clinic, facility, or office in which health care providers provide chronic nonmalignant pain treatment through pharmacotherapy to a majority of its patients for 90 days or more in a 12-month period or a privately owned clinic, facility, or office which advertises in any medium for chronic pain management services through pharmacotherapy. Chronic nonmalignant pain treatment through pharmacotherapy must not include surgical or obstetrical anesthesia services, postoperative pain control, or interventional pain management procedures and techniques.

The bill prohibits an owner or employee of a pain management clinic from having previously been denied, had a restricted license, or been subject to any disciplinary action by any licensing entity regarding controlled substances, as specified in the bill.

The bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this bill pertaining to the operation and licensure of a pain management clinic. Any clinic operating on the effective date of this bill will have 90 days to obtain a pain management clinic certificate from the department.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 1077 (2015).