

HB 2611 -- RESIDENTIAL FACILITY INSPECTIONS

SPONSOR: Smith (163)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill changes the inspection requirements for residential treatment facilities or day programs for persons who are affected by a mental disorder, mental illness, intellectual disability, or developmental disability. The bill removes the requirement that the written report of noncompliance be sent by certified mail with return receipt requested. Currently, a re-inspection must be conducted within 55 days of the original inspection. This bill extends this deadline to 60 days.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill brings statute up to date with modern communications and improves efficiency and saves money. The current statute requires a written letter to be mailed by certified mail, but by the time the letter arrives, the facility has already communicated and resolved the issue by email.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Smith and Valerie Huhn, the Missouri Department of Mental Health.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.