

## CCS HCS SB 660 -- MENTAL HEALTH

### POST TRAUMATIC STRESS AWARENESS DAY

This bill establishes June 27th each year as Post Traumatic Stress Awareness Day (Section 9.270, RSMo).

### MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION

This bill allows the Department of Mental Health to request medical insurance information regarding an individual receiving department service from an entity contracted with the department. The information must be in compliance with laws on confidentiality (Section 208.217).

### PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE

This bill provides that a doctoral degree in psychology from a program accredited, or provisionally accredited, by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System is acceptable to meet various requirements for licensure as a psychologist if the program meets certain requirements as described in the bill.

This bill adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact in order to regulate the day-to-day practice of telepsychology by psychologists across state boundaries. The compact regulates psychological services using telecommunication technologies only, it does not apply to in-person, face-to-face practice by an out-of-state psychologist except to authorize the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries for up to 30 days per calendar year. The compact allows a psychologist in one compact state to practice, via telecommunication technologies, in another compact state without having to obtain a license in that other state. The compact requires each compact state to meet certain requirements before their licensees can practice in other compact states, including having a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about licensees. The compact also establishes certain requirements for all psychologists practicing in accordance with the compact. Any psychologist practicing across state lines under this compact is still required to act within the scope of practice established by the state in which the services are taking place. The compact creates a joint public agency known as the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission. This commission will promulgate rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of the compact. The commission shall also create a coordinated database for licensure information and a reporting system for licensure and disciplinary action information for all licensed psychologists to whom the compact is applicable. This

compact only comes into effect when it has been adopted by seven states. Any compact state can withdraw from the compact by repealing these sections (Sections 337.025, 337.029, 337.033, 337.100, 337.105, 337.110, 337.115, 337.120, 337.125, 337.130, 337.135, 337.140, 337.145, 337.150, 337.155, 337.160, and 337.165).

#### INVOLUNTARY MEDICATIONS

This bill provides that after a person accused of committing an offense has been committed to the Department of Mental Health due to lack of mental fitness to stand trial, the legal counsel for the department shall have standing to participate in hearings regarding involuntary medications for the accused. When a motion to proceed on the issue of the mental fitness of the accused is filed, the Department of Mental Health shall have standing to participate in hearings on such motions (Section 552.020).

#### RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OR DAY FACILITY INSPECTIONS

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 (Section 630.745).

#### MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEES

This bill exempts the first Sunday of November each year when Daylight Saving Time ends from current law requirements that limit the number of hours a state employee may work in a 24-hour period in certain secured mental health facilities (Section 630.945).