

HB 860 -- TREATMENT OF SEXUALLY DEVIANT BEHAVIORS

SPONSOR: Sauls

This bill prohibits a person or private entity from establishing a center for the treatment of sexually deviant behavior without a license issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Upon receipt of an application form and \$200 licensing fee from an applicant the Department shall review to affirm the applicant's ability to comply with such standards, rules, and regulations as required under Sections 197.950 to 197.980, RSMo. If an applicant meets all of the requirements the Department shall issue a one year license. An application for renewal must be submitted annually along with a \$200 license renewal fee and the Department is required to perform an annual on-site inspection.

The bill allows for the license holder or operator to apply for a legal transfer of operational responsibilities during the current license period.

When the Department refuses to issue, suspends, or revokes a license the center may request a hearing by the Administrative Hearing Commission.

This bill requires a licensed center to ensure that at least one member of the staff is a physician, psychiatric advanced practice registered nurse, psychologist, clinical social worker, professional counselor, or marital and family therapist who shall exclusively provide scientific proven treatment and shall not involve physical violence.

A violation of the these provisions is a class A misdemeanor.