

HB 696 -- Mental Health Intermediate Care Facilities

Sponsor: Stevenson

This bill allows for-profit and not-for-profit providers to operate multiple living units with 24 beds or less without a certificate issued by the Division of Medical Services within the Department of Social Services. Currently, providers can operate a single home with six beds or less.

Multiple living units can operate as a part of a licensed, certified, or accredited facility which cares for persons with mental retardation or developmental disabilities.

The notification date requirement is removed which requires providers to notify the Department of Mental Health between July 1 and October 1 of a preceding fiscal year in order to operate a mental health intermediate care facility with a number of beds in excess of the beds in existence on May 29, 1991. Providers are still required to notify the department.