

HCS HB 1170 -- CERTIFICATE OF NEED

SPONSOR: Bondon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill removes a reference to nonapplicability review in the definition of new institutional health service.

Currently, a nursing home may transfer or sell individual long-term care licensed beds. This bill requires these beds to be licensed and available and requires that the facility not increase its licensed and available bed count after the sale of the beds until the average occupancy within a 15 mile radius is 85%.

Additionally, any facility which transfers or sells licensed and available beds must have an average occupancy rate of less than 70% in the last six quarters.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will prevent anti-competitive practices regarding hospital and nursing home beds. The transport and sale of beds is regulated to prevent hoarding of beds and other unfair practices.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bondon and Missouri Health Care Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.