

HB 2093 -- OCCUPANCY RATE HEALTH CARE FACILITY

SPONSOR: Bondon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

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

Currently, a nursing home may increase its licensed bed capacity if it has maintained a 90% average occupancy rate for the previous 6 quarters. This bill changes the requirement to 85% average occupancy rate.

A nursing home may transfer or sell individual long-term care licensed beds. This bill requires these beds to be licensed and available. The facility cannot expand its licensed bed capacity for 5 years or until the average occupancy of licensed and available beds within a 15-mile radius is 85% for the previous 6 quarters.

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.

This bill is similar to HB 1170 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill closes a loophole in the current law.

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

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.