

HB 1975 -- PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Stinnett

Beginning August 28, 2025, it shall be unlawful for any person to establish, maintain, or operate a prescribed pediatric extended care facility without a license issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services. A "prescribed pediatric extended care facility" is defined as a facility providing medically necessary multidisciplinary skills to children under six years of age with complex medical needs requiring continuous skilled nursing intervention of at least four hours per day under a physician's order. Multidisciplinary services may include skilled nursing, personal care, nutritional assessment, developmental assessment, and speech, physical, and occupational therapy. Prescribed pediatric extended care facilities shall also be licensed child care providers under state law.

This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Senior Services to issue, suspend, or revoke such licenses, as well as conduct inspections and investigations, and to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this bill.

Prescribed pediatric extended care facilities with caregiver staffing ratios of one licensed nurse present for every child present; hospitals, sanitariums, or homes operated for medical treatment or nursing or convalescent care for children; and certain programs licensed by the Department of Mental Health shall not be required to be licensed under this bill.

This bill is similar to SB 1111 (2024).