

HB 262 -- ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES FOR VETERANS

This bill establishes the "Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Act".

The bill creates the "Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Fund", which will reimburse facilities that provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy to veterans diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, and be used to conduct studies on the use of alternative therapies for such conditions.

The bill specifies the eligibility criteria and requirements for veterans, facilities, and health care practitioners for reimbursement.

The Missouri Veterans Commission must compile an annual report with data about the treatment of hyperbaric oxygen therapy and its effectiveness. The information collected for the report is specified in the bill.

The bill grants the Missouri Veterans Commission the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of the Act.