

HB 786 -- CERTIFICATES OF NEED FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

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This bill imposes a three year suspension on the issuance of certificates of need by the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee for additional beds in any residential care facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. This suspension does not apply to the following:

- (1) Bed additions, expansions, transfers, relocations, or replacements;
- (2) Renovation, repair, or replacement of existing facilities and beds on a single campus;
- (3) Reallocation of licensed beds among licensed facilities with common ownership or affiliated operators on a single campus; or
- (4) Certificates of need issued prior to August 28, 2017, with specified exceptions.

The bill creates the "Missouri Task Force on Certificate of Need" and specifies the task force members, rules, and duties. The goals of the task force are to develop a comprehensive proposal to reform Missouri's certificate of need law as applied to long-term care facilities. The task force is required to review long-term care facility certificates of need in other states and current occupancy, utilization rates, and staffing, among other specified duties. The task force is required to submit a report, no later than October 1, 2018 on its findings to the Governor and General Assembly. The task force expires on January 1, 2021, or upon admission of the report, whichever occurs earlier.

This bill is similar to SCS SB 1076 (2016).