

Testimony before the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
SB 422- Department of Aging and Disability Services
Licensure of Certain Facilities and Standards for Treatment

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SB 422 would develop, establish, and enforce new standards for the care, treatment, health, safety, welfare, and comfort of individuals residing in or receiving treatment or services provided by residential care facilities, residential and day support facilities, private and public psychiatric hospitals, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, community mental health centers and providers of other disability services licensed by the secretary for aging and disability services. It would also develop, establish, and enforce standards for the construction, maintenance or operation, or any combination thereof, of facilities, hospitals, centers and providers of services that will promote safe and adequate accommodation, care and treatment of such individuals.

On page 4, section 5; page 5 section 8; page 9&10 section 11, page 12 section 16 the bill sets out the main responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal's Office and our partnering with KDADS on the successful implementation of this new initiative. The bill references that all pertinent laws of this state and lawfully adopted ordinances and rules and regulations shall be strictly complied with in the operation of any center, facility, hospital or provision of services in this state. All centers, facilities, hospitals and providers shall comply with all the lawfully established requirements and rules and regulations of the secretary and the state fire marshal, and any other agency of government so far as pertinent and applicable to such centers, facilities, hospitals and providers, their buildings, staff, facilities, maintenance, operation, conduct and the care and treatment of individuals.

Our office has met with KDHE and KDADS to try and determine the additional number of facilities in the state that would need to be inspected and licensed under this bill. Currently the numbers are only approximate and KDADS has initially identified approximately 75-100 facilities. They are still researching the types and number of facilities and we hope to have more accurate numbers in the near future. I believe that the actual number of facilities will not be determined until we begin the new program and as we start inspecting and licensing the identified facilities we will find information on others not known to KDADS or KDHE.

Due to the actual numbers of facilities not being known yet I am asking the committee to authorize funding from existing funds in the Fire Marshal Fee Fund, for an additional inspector position for our office to be filled only when and if the increase numbers justify it. Our current inspectors are pretty much at their limit for inspections per year due to local fire departments across the state giving inspections that were being done at the local level back to our agency due to man power and funding limitations at the local level. Our office could handle an additional 75-100 inspection without increasing staff but I am confident that these current estimates will easily double or quadruple once the program begins.

New Inspector Costs

Description	FY17	Type
Salary & Wages	60,300.00	On-Going
Cell Phone Service	720.00	On-Going
In-State Travel	8,160.00	On-Going
Vehicle Fuel	2,100.00	On-Going
	71,280.00	
Training - Fire Insp 1	3,200.00	One-Time
	3,200.00	
Uniform	800.00	Initial w/ updates down the road
Communication Equipment	100.00	Initial w/ updates down the road
Specialty Inspection Equipment	400.00	Initial w/ updates down the road
IT Equipment	1,800.00	Initial w/ updates down the road
Vehicle Equipment	16,500.00	Initial w/ updates down the road
Manuals & Books	100.00	Initial w/ updates down the road
	19,700.00	
First Year Grand Total	94,180.00	