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Introduced by Senator George

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1216

AN ACT to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled "An act to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify the laws relating to mental health; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials and certain private agencies and individuals; to regulate certain agencies and facilities providing mental health services; to provide for certain charges and fees; to establish civil admission procedures for individuals with mental illness or developmental disability; to establish guardianship procedures for individuals with developmental disability; to establish procedures regarding individuals with mental illness or developmental disability who are in the criminal justice system; to provide for penalties and remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 137 (MCL 330.1137), as amended by 1995 PA 290.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 137. (1) A person shall not construct, establish, or maintain a psychiatric hospital, psychiatric unit, or psychiatric partial hospitalization program or use the terms psychiatric hospital, psychiatric unit, or psychiatric partial hospitalization program, without first obtaining a license. The director shall require an applicant or a licensee to disclose the names, addresses, and official positions of all persons who have an ownership interest in a psychiatric hospital, psychiatric unit, or psychiatric partial hospitalization program. If the psychiatric hospital, psychiatric unit, or psychiatric partial hospitalization program is located on or in real estate that is leased, the applicant or licensee shall disclose the name of the lessor and any direct or indirect interest that the applicant or licensee has in the lease other than as lessee. A nontransferable license shall be granted for 2 years after the date of issuance, unless otherwise provided in sections 134 to 150. The director may issue a provisional license for 1 year to provide a licensee or applicant time to undertake remedial action to correct programmatic or physical plant deficiencies. A provisional license may be renewed for not longer than 1 additional year. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation.

(2) Biennial licensure of psychiatric hospitals, psychiatric units, and psychiatric partial hospitalization programs shall be implemented by March 28, 1997. License fees shall be prorated according to the period of time that the license will be in force.

(3) Beginning the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the department shall issue an initial license under this section not later than 6 months after the applicant files a completed application. Receipt of the application is considered the date the application is received by any agency or department of this state. If the application is considered incomplete by the department, the department shall notify the applicant in writing or make notice electronically available within 30 days after receipt of the incomplete application, describing the deficiency and requesting additional information. The 6-month period is tolled upon notification by the department of a deficiency until the date the requested information is received by the department. The determination of the completeness of an application is not an approval of the application for the license and does not confer eligibility on an applicant determined otherwise ineligible for issuance of a license.

(4) If the department fails to issue or deny a license or registration within the time required by this section, the department shall return the license fee and shall reduce the license fee for the applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15%. Failure to issue or deny a license within the time period required under this section does not allow the department to otherwise delay the processing of the application. A completed application shall be placed in sequence with other completed applications received at that same time. The department shall not discriminate against an applicant in the processing of the application based on the fact that the application fee was refunded or discounted under this subsection.

(5) Beginning October 1, 2005, the director of the department shall submit a report by December 1 of each year to the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the senate and house of representatives concerned with issues relating to mental health. The director shall include all of the following information in the report concerning the preceding fiscal year:

(a) The number of initial applications the department received and completed within the 6-month time period described in subsection (3).

(b) The number of applications rejected.

(c) The number of applicants not issued a license within the 6-month time period and the amount of money returned to licensees under subsection (4).

(6) As used in this section, "completed application" means an application complete on its face and submitted with any applicable licensing fees as well as any other information, records, approval, security, or similar item required by law or rule from a local unit of government, a federal agency, or a private entity but not from another department or agency of this state.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Jay E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor