

HB 2633 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates prohibition on practicing as sex offender treatment provider without certification issued by Health Licensing Office.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Creates additional certification level as certified secondary associate sex offender therapist, who is authorized to provide limited treatment services. Exempts current practitioners from certification requirements until 2021. Replaces definition of "sex offender" with definition of "sex abuser."

BACKGROUND:

Current law prohibits person who provide sex offender treatment from claiming to be, or using a title of, a sex offender therapist, unless the person holds a certificate issued by the Health Licensing Office. House Bill 2633 prohibits the practice of sex offender treatment - as opposed to the mere use of the title - without possessing a certificate issued by the Health Licensing Office.