

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 657
Version:	CS
Request Number:	7399
Author:	Rep. Ritze and Sen. Brecheen
Date:	4/18/2017
Impact:	Establishes specific felony penalties for certain crimes: \$0 to the state

Research Analysis

The CS restores the title.

The bill concerns the sexual exploitation of a patient or former patient by a mental health services provider. It provides penalties for therapeutic deception including fines and the immediate revocation of the mental health providers' license.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to SB 657 establishes specific penalties/fines for certain crimes:

Crime	Penalty
Single act of therapeutic deception with one current or former patient	Felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and immediate revocation of licensing.
Multiple acts of therapeutic deception with one current or former patient	Felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 and immediate revocation of licensing.
Multiple acts of therapeutic deception with two or more current or former patient	Felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$25,000 and immediate revocation of licensing.

Since these felonies are not eligible to be penalized by incarceration, there is no cost to the state.

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Other Considerations

None.

