

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature

**Bill No.:** SB 657  
**Version:** ENGR  
**Request Number:**  
**Author:** Rep. Ritze and Sen. Brecheen  
**Date:** 3/27/2017  
**Impact:** Establishes specific felony penalties for certain crimes: \$0 to the state

**Research Analysis**

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 ENGR version of SB 657 establishes specific penalties/fines for certain crimes:

<b>Crime</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
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.