

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26825A1

Idaho has a serious gap in substance abuse treatment for teens thirteen through seventeen years of age. There are only two residential programs in Idaho to help this overlooked population conquer the rising drug and alcohol addiction in our state. Adult treatment centers often refer those under eighteen to out-of-state programs. This bill offers an exemption from licensing to programs offering temporary alcohol-drug abuse treatment for teens. These programs are defined as treating persons thirteen through seventeen years of age, for a period up to four months. Teens must have a medical doctor's prescription for the program and their parent or guardian must provide a signed consent form authorizing treatment. The facility must pass safety inspections and all staff and volunteers must undergo background checks.

### FISCAL NOTE

This exemption from licensure will have a negligible fiscal impact on the state and local municipalities. The background checks and facility safety inspection required by this bill will be paid by the treatment program. Successful recovery of adolescents struggling with alcohol-drug abuse will help save lives and families, which is priceless.

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