

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 184

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1 **AN ACT** *to create* 302.386 (5m) of the statutes; **relating to:** a prohibition against
2 using state funds or resources or federal funds to provide or to facilitate the
3 provision of hormonal therapy or sexual reassignment surgery to alter the
4 appearance of a prisoner or forensic patient so that the prisoner or forensic
5 patient appears more like the opposite gender.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Corrections (DOC) provides medical services for residents housed in state prisons and forensic patients housed in state institutions. This bill prohibits DOC from using state funds or resources or federal funds passing through the state treasury to provide or to facilitate the provision of hormonal therapy or sexual reassignment surgery for such a resident or patient. The bill defines “hormonal therapy” as the use of hormones to stimulate the development or alteration of a person’s sexual characteristics in order to alter the person’s physical appearance so that the person appears more like the opposite gender, and “sexual reassignment surgery” as surgical procedures to alter a person’s physical appearance so that the person appears more like the opposite gender.

