

HCS SB 177 -- PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Shields (Behnen)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding the Division of Professional Registration and the Department of Health and Senior Services. The substitute:

- (1) Includes extractions to the definition of "primary dental care" and "preventive health services";
- (2) Authorizes the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish a fee schedule for specific licenses for emergency personnel. Moneys collected by the department will be deposited into the Missouri Public Health Services Fund. These provisions will not apply to persons employed by volunteer ambulance services;
- (3) Removes the grandfather provisions regarding the licensing of geologists;
- (4) Increases from 750 to 800 the number of hours a manicurist apprentice must complete in order to be licensed. Persons are allowed to make application for the required licensing examination if they are graduates of a foreign cosmetology program and the State Board of Cosmetology determines that the program has educational requirements which are substantially the same as an educational establishment licensed by the board;
- (5) Establishes the Dental Hygienist Distance Learning Committee and authorizes the Department of Economic Development to contract with an institution of higher education to establish a distant dental hygienist learning program for the purpose of off-site clinical and didactic training. The program must meet all standards established by the Council on Dental Accreditation;
- (6) Removes conflicting provisions of law regarding the definition of "physician assistants";
- (7) Requires applicants for licensure as clinical social workers to complete 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience under a licensed clinical social worker within a specified period of time. The substitute removes the requirement that licensed clinical social workers applying for a Missouri license pass an examination on Missouri laws and regulations governing the practice of social work and be a member in good standing of the Academy of Certified Social Workers. The substitute authorizes the State Committee for Social Workers to require a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education for license renewal, requires the committee to establish ethical standards based on the code of

ethics of the National Association of Social Workers, and clarifies the practice of baccalaureate social work;

(8) Requires all nursing home administrators licenses to expire on June 30 following the year it was issued and every other year thereafter. An administrator seeking a renewal must file an application during the month of May of the year of their renewal, accompanied by a fee, as provided by rule, payable to the Department of Health and Senior Services. All licenses issued or renewed during 2006 may be for either a one- or two-year term as dictated by rule;

(9) Redefines "student athlete" within the provisions regarding athletic contracts;

(10) Removes the requirement that the division wait 30 days before informing a licensee that they are in violation of their licensing requirements prior to engaging in settlement negotiations and shortens the time from 60 to 30 days that the licensee has to consider the settlement offer prior to contacting the respective board to discuss the settlement offer; and

(11) Authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to prepare an equitable salary schedule for employees attributed to the inspection of licensed entities.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of \$486,542 in FY 2006, \$584,840 in FY 2007, and \$577,142 in FY 2008. Estimated Cost on Other State Funds of Unknown in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows dentists performing gratuitous dental services to perform extractions.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Behnen; and Missouri Dental Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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