

HB 1222 -- SPECIAL DEPUTY CORONERS

SPONSOR: Cooper (158)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows a coroner or medical examiner to appoint a special deputy coroner or special deputy medical examiner in the event of a natural disaster, mass casualties, or other emergency. All appointees will be directly supervised by the coroner or medical examiner, will not serve more than 30 days, and will not receive compensation for services rendered. However, any necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties will be reimbursed.

The coroner or medical examiner making this appointment must file a record of the appointee's full name, address, date of birth, date of appointment, and date of termination with his or her county clerk.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that since hurricane Katrina hit the southern coast of the United States, legislation is needed to appoint a special deputy coroner or medical examiner in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency in Missouri.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cooper (158); and Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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