

HB 1477 -- GENETICS AND METABOLIC DISEASE PROGRAMS

SPONSOR: Schaaf

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill allows the Department of Health and Senior Services to disclose test results and personal information as it relates to genetics and metabolic disease programs to a health care provider providing treatment without the individual's consent.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow any treating physician or health care provider immediate access to electronic medical information. The department has developed a secure data system that allows only registered and department-approved health care providers easy and immediate access to health information.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schaaf; Department of Health and Senior Services; Missouri Genetics Advisory Committee; and Missouri Newborn Screening Committee.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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