

HB 1135 -- State Legal Expense Fund

Sponsor: Pratt

This bill allows physicians and dentists who provide specialty care without compensation and who were referred by his or her city or county health department, city health department operating under a city charter, combined city-county health department, a nonprofit community health center, or any social welfare board established under Section 205.770, RSMo, to be included in the list for whom the State Legal Expense Fund is available. The fund is not available to a physician who performs an abortion procedure.

Any claim or judgment arising from these provisions is limited to a maximum of \$1 million based upon the same act or acts in a single cause of action and \$1 million for any one claimant. Liability or malpractice insurance will not be considered available to pay any portion of the judgment when the fund is liable.