

SB 509 -- RECIPROCITY OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

SPONSOR: Scott (Wasson)

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

This bill changes the reciprocity provision regarding licensed marital and family therapists to allow a person holding a current, unsanctioned license from another state whose requirements are substantially the same as Missouri's to apply for a license with the State Committee on Marital and Family Therapists within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration without passing an examination.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill makes it easier for those with reciprocal licenses to practice in Missouri.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Scott.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.