

HCS HB 265 -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

SPONSOR: Brandom (Smith, 150)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 19 to 0.

This substitute requires any board, commission, committee, council, or office in the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to notify any known current employer of a change in a licensee's license or discipline status. An employer may provide any board, commission, committee, council, or office in the division with a current list of licensed employees and request in writing to the board, commission, committee, council, or office to be notified regarding any change in the licensure status of any employee.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill provides safeguards to the public and will help employers who are being penalized because they are not aware that an employee's license has been sanctioned.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Smith (150); Missouri Health Care Association; Brad Miller, Willow Health Care; LeadingAge Missouri; and Missouri Hospital Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the State Board of Nursing is currently working on technology to expedite the information transfer between the board and employers. Others encouraged the full disclosure of a license status.

Testifying on the bill were State Board of Nursing, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration; and Missouri Nurses Association.