

HCS HB 29 -- POWDERED ALCOHOL

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill adds powdered alcohol to the definition of intoxicating liquor used in state liquor control laws. The bill requires anyone shipping or delivering powdered alcohol to a resident of this state for personal use to have an alcohol carrier license.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that powdered alcohol would contribute to underage drinking and can easily be concealed by minors. Powdered alcohol can be sprinkled onto food products, snorted, or mixed with alcohol, which makes it even more potent and inhibits the user's ability to fight off alcohol poisoning.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pike; Nathan Bates; Angela Bonine, Act Missouri; Jordan Duenckel; Jason Grellner, Missouri Narcotics Officers Association; Carson Killday; School Administrator's Coalition; Missouri Police Chiefs Association; Missouri State Teachers Association; Evan Schwarz, Missouri College Of Emergency Physicians; Grace Thieme; Julie Weber, Missouri Poison Center At SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill believe that powdered alcohol will only exacerbate the underage drinking problem.

Testifying on the bill was Joy Sweeney, Council For Drug Free Youth.