

HCS HB 1268 -- DENTAL FACULTY PERMITS

SPONSOR: Lichtenegger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill creates a dental faculty permit system to be implemented and enforced by the Missouri Dental Board. The bill authorizes the holder of a dental faculty permit to practice dentistry without a Missouri license but only within the course of teaching as part of an accredited dental school program. The holder of a dental faculty permit will not be able to receive any fee or compensation for the practice of dentistry except salary or benefits received as part of his or her employment with the Missouri dental school, college, or program.

This bill is similar to HB 665 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will allow qualified dental instructors to teach dentistry without having to go through the extensive and difficult procedure necessary to get a license to practice dentistry.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lichtenegger; Marsha Pyle, UMKC School of Dentistry; and Dwight S. Mcleod, A.T. Still University - Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.