

HB 1662 -- INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR EMS PERSONNEL

SPONSOR: Swan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill authorizes Missouri to become a member state of the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact and to adopt the provisions of authorization as specified in the bill. The purpose of the compact is to facilitate the exchange of information between members states regarding EMS personnel licensure, adverse actions, and significant investigatory information.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 100 (2017) and HB 1616 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that ambulances often have to drive through multiple states. They transport patients from hospitals in one state to hospitals in another state and in areas near state lines the closest ambulance needs to be able to respond to an emergency with worrying about what state in which it occurred. This bill would ensure that first responders don't need to be licensed in every state, so long as the state they are operating in is part of this compact.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Swan; Missouri Hospital Association; Dymond E. Bradley Jr., Ambulance District Association of Missouri; Dymond E. Bradley Jr., Missouri Ambulance Association; Dustin Jones, Airevac Lifeteam-Air EMS; Jason White; and Dymond E. Bradley Jr., Atchison-Holt Ambulance District.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.