

HCS HB 2287 -- ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE SUSPENSION

SPONSOR: Alferman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 7 to 1.

This bill allows the Director of the Department of Revenue to immediately suspend a driver's license if an individual is involved in an accident with a highway worker in a construction or work zone. Reinstatement of a suspended license can be achieved by passing both the written and driving parts of the driver's license examination or upon a final determination of the matter in court or upon a stay issued by a court of proper jurisdiction prior to its final ruling. If a court process is used, the matter has priority placement on the docket and the court will determine if the accident involved highway workers in a construction or work zone with the proper signage. Records related to reinstatement such as test results are not to be used as evidence in any other matter and will be a closed public record.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will ensure that drivers are competent to remain on the road by requiring an examination of those involved in accidents with highway workers. The bill contains full procedural due process protections and allows reinstatement of a license in a reasonable time frame.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Alferman; Patrick McKenna, Missouri Department of Transportation; Highway and Transportation Employees' Association; and Nicole Herbel.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.