

HB 2670 -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISTRIBUTION

SPONSOR: Morris (140)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill adds drug outsourcers and third-party logistics providers to statutes regarding wholesale drug distributors.

It is unlawful for a pharmacy to receive prescription drugs from anyone other than a drug distributor, drug outsourcer, third-party logistics provider, or licensed pharmacy.

No person may act as a drug outsourcer or third-party logistics provider without obtaining a license from the Board of Pharmacy.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill is necessary to help Missouri businesses. The entities regulated under this bill are currently being regulated by the state but in order to comply with federal regulations the state needs to make these changes, basically changing the title under which the entities are regulated, before these entities can do business outside the state. That means that businesses located in states who have already adopted the required federal changes are at a competitive advantage. This bill is needed to keep Missouri businesses competitive.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Morris; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Steven R. Wedlan, Metro Park Warehouses; and the Missouri Biotechnology Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill agree that this bill does not create any additional regulation or burdens on the industry. The changes are necessary to be in compliance with federal regulation and until the changes are adopted the effected Missouri businesses will not be able to enter into out-of-state contracts.

Testifying on the bill was Kimberly Grinston, Missouri Board of Pharmacy.