

HCS HB 66 -- PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 9 to 1.

The bill prohibits any board, commission, or committee within the Division of Professional Registration to utilize licensure fees for the purpose of offering continuing education classes.

This bill allows the Committee of Psychologists to charge an application fee for psychologist licensure at the time the application is received. Currently, law prevents the committee from charging a fee unless the application is approved.

This bill also removes a provision allowing a psychologist who is licensed in another state and is currently licensed in another jurisdiction who is a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement to receive a license in Missouri.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill makes a change that was missed in legislation from last year. The bill allows the Committee of Psychologist to charge an application fee for each application received.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pike; Division of Professional Registration; Missouri Psychological Association; and the Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.