

HCS HB 207 -- MEDICAL NOTATION ON DRIVER'S LICENSE

SPONSOR: Kelley (127)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 2.

This bill allows a resident of Missouri to have a medical alert notation placed on his or her driver's license to indicate that they have an emergency medical card in their possession. Specific medical conditions will be listed on the medical card. A waiver for the release of medical information is required and an applicant for the notation must provide a diagnosis from a physician or psychologist. Parental consent is required for anyone under 18 years of age.

This bill has a delayed effective date of July 30, 2020.

This bill is similar to HB 1613 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will provide relevant information to police and first responders and ensure better medical treatment. Privacy is also protected in a reasonable manner and consent to disclose information is required.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelley and Andrew Liebig.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the notification symbol can probably be placed on the driver's license, but detailed medical information is best done on a separate medical card.

Testifying on the bill was the Department of Revenue.