

HB 257 -- BOARD OF PHARMACY DISCIPLINE

SPONSOR: Stephens (128)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill allows the Board of Pharmacy to enter into a voluntary compliance agreement with a licensee, permit holder, or registrant to ensure compliance with statute and the rules of the board, in lieu of discipline. The agreement will be a public record. The time limitation for commencing a disciplinary proceeding will be tolled while such agreement is in effect.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will give the board an alternative option for enforcing compliance, before a patient has been harmed or has been put at risk for harm.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Stephens; Kimberly Grinston, Missouri Board of Pharmacy; and the Missouri Pharmacy Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.