

HB 433 -- CERTIFICATE OF NEED

SPONSOR: Chipman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 5 to 4.

This bill repeals the Missouri Certificate of Need Law (Sections 197.300 to 197.366, RSMo).

This bill is the same as HB 622 and SB 165 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will repeal the Missouri Certificate of Need laws. It was created to ensure adequate supply of health resources. In 1987 the federal government determined that the program did not work and they ended their portion of the program.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Chipman.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the Certificate of Need process is broken and needs to be reformed but not repealed. Of the beds in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, 65% are filled with Medicaid patients and Missouri has not rebased Medicaid rates for years. Currently, Medicaid beds are underfunded approximately \$19 per patient day.

Testifying against the bill were Missouri Hospital Association; Associated Industries of Missouri; Barnes Jewish Hospital Healthcare & Cox Health; Missouri Health Care Association; Michael J. Prost, Mueller Prost; Paul Ogier, Lutheran Senior Services; Christopher Rollman, Bok Financial DBA Bank of Oklahoma; Tim Blattel, Missouri Assisted Living Association; Michael S. Levitt, Board of Nursing Home Administrators; Northport Health Services; Saint Luke's Health System, Kansas City; Leading Age of Missouri; and Keith Sappington, Missouri Assisted Living Association.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the Missouri Health Care Association reviews proposed certificate of need applications filed with the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee to determine if there is a demonstrated need and guides the association's policy on certificate of need and would be able to help with any questions the committee has.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Health Care Association.