

HCS HB 840 -- COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

SPONSOR: Helms

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill standardizes language regarding physician assistant supervision agreements to be consistent with advanced practice registered nurse collaborative practice arrangements.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will alleviate confusion because supervision agreements and collaborative practice arrangements are similar, but they sound different.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Helms and Terry Carlisle, Missouri Academy of Physicians Assistants.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that there are some changes needed to the bill: the definition of collaborative practice arrangement, the scope of practice for a physician assistant, and any additional language above and beyond the advanced practice registered nurse language should be removed.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri State Medical Association.

This bill is similar to HB 840.