HCS HB 1334 -- MEDICAL NOTATION ON DRIVERS LICENSES

SPONSOR: Kelley (127)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 3.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1334.

This bill allows a resident of Missouri to have a medical alert notation placed on his or her driver's license or nondriver's identification card. The bill specifies the medical conditions that may be listed on the license or identification card.

The applicant must sign a waiver for the release of medical information and provide a sworn statement with the applicant's diagnosis from a physician or psychologist. Parental consent is required for anyone under 18 years of age.

This bill requires the Department of Revenue to transfer the medical information received to the State Highway Patrol for entry into the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES). The applicant is made aware of the transfer of information in the application and consent requests.

This bill has a delayed effective date of July 31, 2021.

This bill is the same as HB 207 (2019).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

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

Testifying for the bill was Representative Kelley.

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 placed on a separate medical card.

Testifying on the bill was Joshua Shewmaker, Department of Revenue.

This bill is similar to HB 207 (2019).