

HCS HB 1445 -- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE

SPONSOR: Helms

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1445.

This bill, in addition to the current requirements, allows a person to be a nursing home administrator if the applicant has an associate degree or higher from an accredited academic institution or if the person has met criteria established by the Board of Nursing Home Administrators.

Currently, the board may issue a temporary emergency nursing home administrator license for up to 90 days to a person 21 years or older, of good moral character, and a high school graduate or equivalent. This bill extends the time period to 120 days, allows the board to establish the other temporary emergency license criteria, and removes the renewal process for the temporary license.

This bill is similar to HB 958 and SB 375 (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.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this will allow more people to come into the pool of eligible applicants, and will allow additional time for emergency licensure.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Helms; Michael S. Levitt; Leading Age Missouri; and the Missouri Health Care Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that this will dovetail into current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, and will add different kinds of experience and education to the industry.

Testifying on the bill was Sally McKee, Board of Nursing Home Administrators.