

HB 2234 -- INHALATION

SPONSOR: Black (007)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 10 to 3.

This bill make changes to existing statute prohibiting a person from intentionally smelling or inhaling the fumes of a solvent for the purposes of inducing certain symptoms.

The bill adds "inhaling the gases or vapors of a solvent" to the statute. The bill also adds "inhaling a chemical, reagent, refrigerant, or other substance to the statute". The bill adds "inhaling the fumes of a solvent for the purposes of causing hallucination".

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this law restricts inhalation of certain substances. Supporters also say that the inhalation of certain solvents is a public safety issue.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Black and Michael R. Leamer.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that Missouri has more issues with harsher drugs, which should be more of a focus. Opponents also testified that the legislators cannot outlaw everything.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. "AC" Diehoff.