

HB 1333 -- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention by a vote of 6 to 1 with one voting Present. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill modifies the offenses of first-degree arson and manufacture of a controlled substance.

For first-degree arson, the bill adds "any controlled substance" to the provision on fire or explosion while attempting to produce methamphetamine. "Any controlled substance" exempts manufacture of medicinal marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids by licensed facilities under Missouri law (Section 569.040, RSMo).

For manufacture of a controlled substance, the bill adds "any controlled substance" to the provision on serious injury or death while attempting to produce methamphetamine. Manufacture of medicinal marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids by licensed facilities under Missouri law is exempt from this section (Section 579.055).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this extends the existing arson offense to all controlled substances and excludes legal medical marijuana. We do not want to extend criminal penalties to legal businesses.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Trent; Arnie C. Dienoff; and the City of Springfield, Fire Department.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill submitted written testimony, which can be found online.

Testifying against the bill was Anita Guess.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.