

SS#3 SB 1 - MO HEALTHNET

SPONSOR: Hegeman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Budget by a vote of 27 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill extends the sunsets from September 30, 2021, to September 30, 2024, for the Ground Ambulance, Nursing Facility, Medicaid Managed Care Organization, Hospital, Pharmacy, and Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled Federal Reimbursement Allowances.

Additionally, the bill excludes from MO HealthNet coverage of family planning services any abortifacient drug or device used to induce an abortion.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the FRA is needed to fund hospitals, ambulances, nursing homes and pharmacies. Without the FRA funding, the majority of nursing homes and pharmacies would have to close.

Those testifying for the bill were Senator Hegeman; Missouri Ambulatory Surgery Center; Missouri Fire Service Alliance; Missouri Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Pharmacy Association; Missouri Retailers Association; SSM Health; Missouri Health Care Association; Missouri Hospital Association; Kelly Gorman; Ashley Alexander; Kennedy Moore; Michelle Trupiano, Missouri Family Health Council; Maggie Edmondson; Malory Schwarz; Susan Gibson; and Advocates of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say they don't want tax dollars going toward abortions.

Those testifying against the bill were Therese Sander; and Missouri Right to Life.