

HCS HB 2810 -- ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS

SPONSOR: Seitz

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Government Oversight by a vote of 8 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 3.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2810.

This bill establishes the offense of trafficking abortion-inducing drugs if a person or entity knowingly imports, exports, distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces, prescribes, administers, or dispenses, or attempts to do so, any medicine, drug, or other means or substance to be used to induce an abortion on another person in violation of state or federal law. The offense is a Class B felony.

Furthermore, the bill prohibits the Board of Pharmacy from issuing or renewing a non-resident pharmacy license if the applicant or licensee delivers directly to a patient in this state any medicine, drug, or other means or substance to be used to induce an abortion.

It is also unlawful for a licensed or registered out-of-state wholesale distributor, out-of-state pharmacy acting as a distributor, drug outsourcer, or third-party logistics provider to deliver directly to a patient in this state any medicine, drug, or other means or substance to be used to induce an abortion. The penalty for a violation of this provision is the same as other unlawful acts of such entities and is a Class D felony.

This bill is similar to SB 1178 (2022).

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 bill follows 19 other states that are trying to stop unlawful medicine being used. This bill will protect unborn life as well as the pregnant women.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Seitz; Arnie C Dienoff; Samuel H. Lee, Campaign Life Missouri; and Jennifer Hopkins.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that the acts that the bill is regarding is already illegal and addressed in other areas. The bill lumps in ectopic pregnancy with illegal acts.

Testifying against the bill were Jennifer Bernstein, National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis; Advocates of Planned Parenthood of The St. Louis Region and Southwest Mo; Kathleen Berberich; Kendall Martinez-Wright; Laura Burkhardt; Nancy Goth; Nichole Brinkmann; Robin Duntze; Scott Mckellar; Stephanie Kraft Sheley; Susan Gibson; Terica Donnelly; Beth Newman; Ryan Tinker; Alice Martin; Alice Martin; Alicia Polk; Amanda Michel; Amy Nelson; Angela L Boyle; Angela Presnell; Ashleigh Behlmann; Beth Simpson; Beth Young; Cathleen Fleck; Christina Roche; Christine Hyman; Connie Doty; Cynthia Scanlon; Daniel Teasley; Danielle Meert; David Cochran; Deanna Davis; Derek W Thomas; Elizabeth Foreman; Emily Bushmann; Jeff Rodgers; Jenna Roberson; Jennifer Beere; Jennifer Loza; Jessica Herr; Karen Hansen; Kayla Gregory; Lynn Nienkemper; Pro Choice Missouri; Marla Marantz; Mauri Sysko; Morgan Winkler; Sarah Parrish; Stephen Berkwitz; Tavish Misra; Travis Huber; Eve P Samuel; Missouri State Medical Association; Clarisse Teepe-Fryrear; Jayme Wise; Stacie McCall; and Eileen.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill submitted written testimony.

Testifying on the bill was Brendan Smith.

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.