

HB 122 -- THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY

SPONSOR: Veit

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, a corporation cannot practice dentistry unless the corporation is a nonprofit corporation or a professional corporation. Exemptions exist for hospital nonprofit corporations that provide dental services at facilities owned by a city, county, or other political subdivision of the State. This bill exempts entities contracted with the State to provide care in correctional centers.

This bill is similar to HB 2280 and SB 1287 (2024).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that an exemption is necessary to allow inmates at correctional centers to receive dental care. The current exemptions for facilities owned by local governments should also apply to State facilities. It is important to provide dental services in prisons.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Veit; Jorgen Schlemeier, Centurion; Arnie Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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