

HCS HB 609 -- HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

SPONSOR: Thompson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 14 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 609.

This bill modifies the definition of "hospital" for purposes of regulating the dispensation and distribution of controlled substances to include outpatient facilities owned and operated by a hospital. A hospital can obtain a separate registration for the distribution or dispensation of controlled substances from the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), for each outpatient facility owned or operated by the hospital in which behavioral health or substance abuse services are delivered.

The bill modifies rulemaking authority regarding pharmacy services in hospitals. The Department of Health and Senior Services will have the sole authority to promulgate rules governing pharmacy services in hospitals. The Department and the Board of Pharmacy can jointly promulgate rules governing medication distribution and medication therapy services by a pharmacist at or within a hospital. The Board of pharmacy will have the sole authority to promulgate rules governing inspection and licensure of Class B pharmacies.

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 the joint promulgation of rules works as a fix to limit possible paralysis occurring from differences between two authoritative bodies when trying to set rules.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Thompson; Arnie Dienoff; and Missouri Hospital Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say they are glad to see the waiving of certain training requirements for certain physicians and other health care providers.

Testifying in person on the bill was Missouri State Medical Association.

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.