

HCS HB 736 -- ORDERS OF PROTECTION

SPONSOR: Dolan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 736.

The bill amends the definitions of "adult" and "child" in Chapter 455, RSMo, related to protective orders resulting from adult abuse. Currently, "adult" is defined as any person 17 years of age or older, and "child" is defined as any person under 17 years of age. This bill increases the age reference from 17 to 18.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill makes technical changes that were missed when the age limit for minors was raised to 18 with respect to juvenile court jurisdiction.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Dolan; Eric Jennings, Judicial Conference Of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: No opposition was 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.