HB 766 -- SUSPENSION OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

SPONSOR: Stinnett

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 18 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Adminstrative by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, all government entities issuing licenses, certificates, registrations, or permits in Missouri must provide the Director of the Department of Revenue with the name and Social Security number of each applicant for licensure or licensee of such entities within one month of the initial application or the renewal application. If the licensee is delinquent on any state taxes or has failed to file state tax income tax returns in the last three years, the Director of the Department of Revenue must send notice to the government entity and licensee. In the case of such delinquency or failure to file, the licensee's license will be suspended within 90 days after notice of such delinquency or failure to file, unless the Director of the Department of Revenue verifies that such delinquency or failure has been remedied or arrangements have been made to achieve such remedy.

This bill repeals those provisions.

This bill is the same as HB 2699 (2024).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this removes unnecessary burdens on obtaining and renewing professional licenses. There are other ways that the Department of Revenue can collect taxes that are owed. This is a workforce friendly bill.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Stinnett; Missouri Chiropractic Physicians Association; MO Society of Professional Land Surveyors; United WE; and Arnie C. Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the majority of people who are affected by the current law owe very small amounts and may not even know they owe anything.

Testifying in person on the bill was Wesley Sutton, Division of Professional Registration.

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.