

HB 825 -- TELEHEALTH SERVICES

SPONSOR: Stinnett

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill adjusts the definition of "telehealth services" under Chapter 191, RSMo, to include audiovisual and audio-only technologies. Health care providers are not to be limited in their choice of electronic platforms used to deliver telehealth or telemedicine, provided that all services that are delivered are in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.

This bill is the same as HB 822 (2025) and HB 1873 (2024).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill makes available tools for health care professionals to provide services to an increased field of patients and guarantee better access for those patients.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Stinnett; Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners; Missouri Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Missouri State Medical Association; Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; SSM Health; Mercy; Arnie Dienoff; Chuck Hollister, Missouri Psychological Association; Missouri Occupational Therapy; Missouri Nurses Association; Paraquod; BJC Healthcare; Cox Health Ranken Jordan, Reach Healthcare Foundation, Mo Association Of Rural Health Clinics; National Association Social Workers-Mo Chapter; Missouri Hospital Association; Missouri Academy of Family Physicians; Bruce Eddy, Community Mental Health; Julie Pratt, Burrell Behavioral Health; Mosaic Life Care; Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association; Missouri Psychological Association; Jessica Gerfin, St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute; and Heidi N. Lucas, Missouri Rural Health Association.

OPPONENTS: 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.