

HCS HB 2394 -- LICENSURE RECIPROCITY FOR PLUMBERS

SPONSOR: Falkner

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 7.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2394.

This bill would make any plumber's license granted by a political subdivision in Missouri to a plumber's apprentice, journeyman plumber, or master plumber reciprocal with any other plumber's license required by another political subdivision if the licensee passed an exam approved by the Division of Professional Registration as a requirement for licensure.

This bill is similar to HB 1926 (2024).

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 too many municipalities require licensure without any meaningful difference in requirements. This is too much government making too many regulations and wanting money it doesn't need.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Falkner and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say other types of workers, including electricians, have statewide reciprocity in Missouri. Some municipalities have vastly different infrastructure and that could be a reason for different testing requirements in different jurisdictions.

Testifying in person on the bill was Mechanical Contractors Association of Kansas City and Mechanical Contractors Association of Eastern Missouri.

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.