

HCS HB 2974 -- LICENSURE RECIPROCITY

SPONSOR: Stinnett

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 21 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 6 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2974.

This bill specifies that a health care provider who has received his or her licenses to practice in Missouri via our license reciprocity law can provide telehealth services within the profession's scope of practice.

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 this adds clarification to the license reciprocity law on whether a health care provider can provide telehealth services. Telehealth enables more people to access health care especially in rural areas.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Stinnett; Mercy Healthcare Systems; Arnie Dienoff; Missouri Hospital Association; Joseph Miller, Burrell Behavioral Health & Preferred Family Healthcare; SSM Health; Missouri Nurses Association; Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association, Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association; United WE; Missouri Division of Professional Registration; and BJC Healthcare.

OPPOSERS: 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.