



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVO		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am Opposed to this Bill. We want Accountants to take Missouri Tests and have Local State Control.



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HB 1797 reads less like modernization and more like a quiet deregulation package for the profession that audits everyone else.

It loosens guardrails, expands out-of-state practice privileges, and shifts key standards into “board rule” land—where the public gets less visibility and more “trust us.”

If you want Missourians to trust CPAs with audits, tax work, and financial attestations, you don’t get there by reducing statutory clarity and inflating discretion while wrapping peer review in extra layers of confidentiality and closed meetings.

Also: the bill text itself contains sloppy, garbled drafting (including sections that read like broken paste jobs). That is not a minor typo when you’re rewriting licensure, enforcement, and public-protection standards for the people responsible for verifying financial truth.

Missouri deserves tighter, cleaner lawmaking than “we’ll fix it in rules later.”

Vote NO on HB 1797.

When the Legislature weakens statutory standards for a profession built on independence and verification, it shouldn’t be surprised when the public concludes the real goal is convenience for industry—not protection for Missourians.

If you can’t draft it clean, you have no business loosening it.

-Rev. Sarah M. Berry