

HCS HB 1799 -- HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

SPONSOR: Jones (50)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding health insurance benefit determinations. Currently, a health carrier is required to make an initial determination within two working days of obtaining all necessary information regarding a proposed admission, procedure, or service requiring a review determination. The bill changes the time period to within 24 hours of obtaining the information.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill expedites the process for health carrier determinations.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Jones (50); Center for Diagnostic Imaging; Missouri State Medical Association; Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians; and Academy of Family Physicians.

OPPONENTS: Opponents of the bill say they are concerned about the definition of urgent and serious conditions.

Testifying against the bill were Dr. Alan Henry, MedSolutions, Inc.; and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.