

SB 1057 -- LIENS BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

SPONSOR: Loudon (Behnen)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill adds physical therapists to the definition of "health practitioner" for the purpose of liens for patients whose sickness or injury was caused by a tortfeasor.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill gives physical therapists working in private practice the right to file liens like other health care providers.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Loudon; and Missouri Physical Therapy Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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