

HB 1712 -- CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR INSURANCE PROVIDERS

SPONSOR: Molendorp

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Health Insurance by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill exempts certain funeral or burial insurance providers selling policies or annuities with less than \$15,000 in face value from continuing education requirements.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill deals with the funeral industry and limited policies sold for burial purposes. The continuing education has nothing to do with funeral or burial insurance so these providers should be exempt from this licensing requirement. The policy limit of \$5,000 was set in the 1980s and funerals are much more expensive now, so the limit needs to be increased.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Molendorp and Don Otto, Missouri Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.