

HB 1329 with HCA 1 -- POWDERED ALCOHOL

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 11 to 1.

This bill defines "powdered alcohol" as alcohol that is prepared in a powdered, crystalline, or capsule form either for direct use or for reconstitution in a nonalcoholic liquid. The bill prohibits the sale or serving of powdered alcohol, and creates the offense of illegal possession of powdered alcohol, as specified in the bill. Anyone who violates these provisions is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

HCA 1: Excludes specified entities that conduct research and adds an emergency clause

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that powdered alcohol would contribute to underage drinking and can easily be concealed by minors. This product is dangerous and appeals to youth.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pike; Amy L. Weiland; Missouri Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics; Missouri Family Network; Missouri College of Emergency Physicians; Natalie Newville, Act Missouri; Julie Weber, Missouri Poison Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center; Jason J. Grellner, Missouri Narcotics Officers Association; Donna Petiford, Missouri Congress of Parents-Teachers; and Missouri State Teachers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.