

HCS HB 1049 -- STATE CORONERS' TRAINING FUND

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 7 to 3.

This bill establishes the "Missouri State Coroners' Training Fund" and creates a \$1 fee for all death certificates in the state, which will be deposited in a fund.

The bill specifies that if a coroner is not current on his or her training, the Department of Health and Senior Services can prohibit that coroner from signing any death certificates.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that it is important to add a small fee for death certificates so the fee can go to coroners' training. If coroners do not attend training, the Department of Health and Senior Services can prohibit such coroners from attesting to the accuracy of death certificates.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McGaugh and the Missouri Coroners & Medical Examiners Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.