

HCS HB 1261 -- OCCUPATIONAL FEES

SPONSOR: Schroer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill requires all state and local licensing boards or entities to waive, for a two-year period, any fees charged to obtain or renew occupational licenses for military families and low-income individuals who request such a waiver.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill removes barriers and prevents government agencies from profiting off the people who protect America. Supporters believe that licensing has gone beyond the original purpose of protecting the general welfare.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schroer; Opportunity Solutions Project; Womens Foundation; and the Missouri State Teacher's Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.