

HB 2381 -- MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

SPONSOR: Sommer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill designates May as "Mental Health Awareness Month" and encourages citizens to participate in appropriate awareness and educational activities that emphasize the importance of good mental health and the effects of mental illness on Missourians.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that one in every five Americans suffer from some type of mental illness. This bill would bring awareness to the importance of diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Sommer.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.