

HCS HB 1995 -- CONTINUING EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Morris (140)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 2.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HCS HB 1995.

This bill allows a dentist, dental hygienist, assistant physician, physician, surgeon, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, optometrist, psychologist, to receive continuing education credit for volunteer work performed at a nonprofit. Each oversight board is responsible for determining how many hours of continuing education credit to award for each hour of volunteer work, as well as the maximum number of hours that can be awarded for such volunteer work.

This bill also allows a physician who is licensed in another state to attend to the sick in Missouri, including in a 501(c)(3) charitable organization without needing a license in Missouri. Currently, the physician must be licensed in a border state.

This bill is similar to HB 687 (2019).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will help nonprofit health care organizations get more volunteers. This bill would also make it easier for physicians to get the required continuing medical education requirements. Witnesses recommended tightening up the 501(c)(3) language so that the health care provider has to treat patients in this state in order to obtain the CME hours.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Morris; Missouri Psychological Association; and the Missouri State Medical Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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