

HB 2263 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Sauls

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 2.

Currently, the Division of Workers' Compensation is provided offices at the State Capital, and St. Louis, St. Joseph, Cape Girardeau, Joplin, Springfield and Kansas City, and in such other places, not to exceed two, as the division deems necessary for efficiency. This bill repeals the limitation of not to exceed two other places.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will create the possibility for creating a workers' compensation office in an additional location so that more Missourians can be served. Currently, there is a limitation of the location of the offices. Supporters also stated that this bill will help bring the court system and government to the people.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Sauls and Randy Alberhasky, Missouri Association of Trial Attorney's.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.