

HCS HB 685 -- SEARCH WARRANTS

SPONSOR: Bruns (Jones, 117)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Public Safety by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute specifies that the State Highway Patrol does not have to be accompanied by the county sheriff when it serves search warrants for offenses relating to driving while intoxicated and for the investigation of motor vehicle traffic accidents. The patrol will not be required to notify the county sheriff of any search warrant for offenses relating to driving while intoxicated.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow members of the State Highway Patrol to obtain blood samples from individuals who are believed to be operating a vehicle under the influence, pursuant to a valid search warrant, without the participation of the county sheriff.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Jones (117); and Larry Plunkett, Missouri State Troopers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that approximately 210 driving under the influence cases and 40,000 accidents are investigated each year.

Testifying on the bill was State Highway Patrol.