

HB 388 -- PATIENT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS REGARDING BREAST
IMPLANTATIONS

SPONSOR: Burlison

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on
Health Insurance by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, the Department of Health and Senior Services is
required to provide information to breast implantation patients
before the operation on the advantages, disadvantages, and risks
of the procedure. This bill removes this requirement and
requires the attending physician to advise the patient of this
information.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and
FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill removes current
requirements that are outdated and in conflict with current
medicine and technology. Plastic surgeons are already regulated
in this area, and an additional state requirement is not needed.
The government should not take over the job of a physician to
advise and provide appropriate information.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Burlison; Missouri
State Medical Association; Dr. Jody Rodgers, Missouri Association
of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons; American Cancer Society;
and Missouri Hospital Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.