

HB 499 -- DRIVER'S LICENSE COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

SPONSOR: Wells

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 17 to 0.

This bill adds a professional counselor licensed pursuant to Chapter 337, RSMo, to the list of individuals who can report to the Department of Revenue any person diagnosed or assessed as having a disorder or condition that may prevent him or her from safely operating a motor vehicle in order to provide the department director with good cause to believe that the operator is incompetent or unqualified to retain his or her driver's license.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will make our roads safer by allowing a mental health professional to report information to the Director of the Department of Revenue regarding a person's competency to drive.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wells; and Dan Holdinghouse, Missouri Mental Health Counselors Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.