

HB 591 -- LIMITED DENTAL TEACHING LICENSES

SPONSOR: Lichtenegger

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

This bill authorizes the Missouri Dental Board within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to issue a limited teaching license to a dentist employed as an instructor in an accredited dental school located in this state. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Limits the licensee to practice dentistry to the confines of the dental school program;
- (2) Requires a limited teaching license to be renewed every two years;
- (3) Requires a limited teaching licensee to be subject to discipline by the board and a license to be canceled or nullified if the holder ceases to be employed by the dental school; and
- (4) Specifies the requirements to qualify for a license.

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

PROponents: Supporters say that Missouri does not allow a person trained in a foreign dental school to teach in the state. Currently, it is difficult to get qualified instructors for a dental school because a dentist can make more money in his or her practice.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lichtenegger; Marsha Pyle, University of Missouri School of Dentistry; Missouri Dental Association; and Missouri Dental Hygienist Association.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill wanted to be recorded as having no position on the bill.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri Dental Board, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration.