

SS SCS HCS HB 1280 -- PEER REVIEW PROCESS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

This bill establishes a peer review process through which design professionals evaluate, maintain, or monitor the quality and utilization of services performed and/or prepare internal lessons learned by a licensed architect, landscape architect, professional land surveyor, or professional engineer. The bill specifies the process and the participants in the process and authorizes immunity from civil liability for each third-party peer reviewer with specified exceptions if the review is performed before each substantial completion of the project. Except for documents related to lessons learned, specified information and materials from the peer review process are subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion and are admissible in any judicial or administrative action. The provisions of the bill cannot limit the authority of the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to obtain information by subpoena or other authorized process from a peer reviewer or to require disclosure of otherwise confidential information relating to matters and investigations within the jurisdiction of the licensing board.

These provisions expire on January 1, 2023, but will continue to apply to peer reviews and lessons learned proceedings performed prior to that date.