

HB 778 -- 22Q AWARENESS WEEK

SPONSOR: Ruth

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill designates the 22nd week of each year as "22q Awareness Week" in Missouri and encourages citizens to observe the week with appropriate activities and events to increase awareness of individuals with a chromosome 22q11.2 deletion.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that one in every 4,000 people are diagnosed with 22q chromosome disorder, but many cases still go undiagnosed. This bill would help bring awareness to the disease that has many complications that are associated with it such as heart abnormalities, cleft palate, and autoimmune disorders.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruth; Christy Satterfield; and Heather Abbott.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.