

HCS HB 1113 -- DEATH CERTIFICATES

SPONSOR: Fraker

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows a physician assistant, assistant physician, advanced practice registered nurse or the individual who performed the autopsy to sign a death certificate provided he or she participated in the patient's care in consultation with the attending physician for the illness which resulted in the patient's death.

Requires the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts within the Departments of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to provide a notice of compliance with the vital records system as part of the annual review of a professional licensee.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that sometimes it can take up to 60 days to get a death certificate. This bill would just allow members of the health care team to sign off on the death certificate to expedite the process.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fraker; Donald Otto Jr., Bill Stuart, and Gregory Bird, Missouri Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association; Terry Carlisle, Missouri Academy of Physician Assistants; Missouri Nurses Association; John H. Moore, Moore Funeral Homes; Gregory Bird, Greenlawn Funeral Homes; John Veach, Bibb-Veach Funeral Home; and Missouri Nurses Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.