

HB 1170 -- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

SPONSOR: Rehder

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill requires the Revisor of Statutes within the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to update the list of controlled substances with any additions or deletions from the federal schedules of controlled substances. Beginning January 1, 2017, the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services must notify the Revisor of Statutes of any controlled substances that are added or removed from the federal schedules.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there are 283 known synthetic drugs world-wide, but only about 60 of them are considered scheduled controlled substances. The Drug Enforcement Agency updates the schedule as quickly and expeditiously as possible. The Missouri list of scheduled substances should be updated automatically, rather than waiting for a legislative session to update the list.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rehder; and Jason Grellner, Missouri Narcotics Officers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.