



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Asbestos trust funds were created after decades of litigation and bankruptcies to fund care for asbestos victims. The trust system, however, is susceptible to abuse. HB 1717 will provide transparency by increasing access to relevant, necessary information about claims made with the asbestos trust funds. It will also help asbestos victims in locating those trusts which are to provide resources for them.



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The Missouri Insurance Coalition supports HB 1717.			



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I am Opposed to this Bill. This is very Bad for Missourians! This Bill is Driven By Special-Interest and Trial Defense Lawyers Association. Vote This Bill Down To Defeat!



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The Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters represent over 6,000 Firefighters across the state of Missouri. Firefighters across our great state are regularly exposed to the products of combustion, all of which in some way increase our risk of over 20 cancers. These products include but are not limited to; fire retardants, plastics, synthetic foam, and asbestos. Firefighters can come into contact with chemical byproducts of combustion by breathing them in, getting them on their skin or in their eyes, or by ingesting them. The exposure to asbestos after the fire during the process of overhaul is unavoidable, not only in urban departments, but in rural settings as well. We as firefighters are aware that we are in a dangerous profession, but firefighters should not be impeded by legislation limiting their recourse and compensation when they suffer career or life ending workplace illnesses. The Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters respectfully testify in opposition to HB1717.



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The Missouri AFL-CIO, the voice for working Missourians, respectfully opposes House Bill 1717. The story of asbestos is one of the most shameful in the annals of the American workplace. Long after manufacturers, their insurance companies and the federal government knew asbestos was a deadly poison, millions of workers were exposed to asbestos. As a result, hundreds of thousands of workers have or will develop serious disease, which in many cases is fatal. HB 1717 seeks to delay the implementation of justice by forcing victims to overcome additional hurdles, and thus delay living plaintiffs trial date. It also changes the rules of evidence, which could lead to admission of evidence despite its complete lack of probative value. Evidence without probative value, by definition, does not contribute to the just adjudication of a dispute; and therefore can only be meant to intimidate, embarrass, harass or delay. Justice delayed is just denied. Too many workers will never receive the justice they are due, we cannot allow justice to be delayed, and denied, to any more. The Missouri AFL-CIO respectfully urges a "No" vote on House Bill 1717.



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The bill gives exemptions and shall not apply to any paid, volunteer, or retired firefighter, paramedic, or emergency medical technician. What about adding veterans. I was exposed to asbestos aboard the USS Kitty Hawk CVA 63. I worked in the arresting gear section V-2 Division where we routinely used powered asbestos in 50 lb bags to protect the cable during socket pouring operations. Naval TM NAVAIR 51-5BAA-1, Federal Stock Number Powered Asbestos Johns-Manville Type 7 - G9390-273-8613I could support the bill if you ad veterans. Thanks for you consideration...



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