

HB 1195 -- Professional Registration

Sponsor: Behnen

This bill contains provisions relating to deaf interpreters, tattooists, speech pathology assistants, fund accounts, and the Division of Professional Registration.

DEAF INTERPRETERS

The bill allows persons enrolled in accredited interpreter training programs to be exempt from licensure if they are only engaged in activities which constitute part of their course of study.

The bill also allows certified deaf interpreters from other states to practice without a license for the purpose of providing temporary services at special events.

The bill gives the division the authority to deny license renewal of deaf interpreters for failure to provide satisfactory evidence of current certification with the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

TATTOOISTS

The bill authorizes the division to issue temporary licenses for persons entering the state for the sole purpose of participating in a state or national convention where the applicant will be practicing the profession of tattooing, body piercing, and branding. The temporary license will be valid for 14 days.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS

The bill repeals provisions relating to certain licensing requirements of speech pathology assistants.

FUND ACCOUNTS

The bill requires money in the Athletic Fund, the Marital and Family Therapists Fund, the State Committee of Psychologists Fund, the Committee of Professional Counselors Fund, and the Hearing Instrument Specialist Fund be three times the preceding year's appropriation prior to being placed in the General Revenue Fund.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

The bill exempts persons from foreign countries from providing a Social Security number when making original application for a

license to practice within any of the professions regulated by the division.