

SB 822 -- HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TAX

SPONSOR: Gross (Sater)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill extends the expiration date for the state's Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement allowance and the pharmacy tax from June 30, 2006, to June 30, 2007. The expiration date for the federal reimbursement allowance and the nursing facility reimbursement allowance is extended from September 30, 2006, to September 30, 2007.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say the bill will extend the federal reimbursement allowance taxes for another year providing \$1.2 billion to the state budget.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Gross; Missouri Hospital Association; Missouri Pharmacy Association; and Department of Social Services.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that health plans will have the option of covering or carving-out pharmacy.

Testifying against the bill were Family Health Partners; Missouri Care; and Missouri Association of Health Plans.

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