

HB 49 with HCA 1 and HCA 2 -- CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Kirkton

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill authorizes a board certified psychiatric-mental health clinical nurse specialist and board certified psychiatric-mental health clinical nurse practitioner to be eligible for reimbursement by crime victim compensation when providing crisis counseling.

HCA 1: Makes technical changes

HCA 2: Adds funeral home to the definition of "claimant" in Section 595.010, RSMo

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that since these providers are not listed in statute they do not get reimbursed. This bill just adds them to the fund.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kirkton; Gail Lerner-Connaghan, Gail Lerner-Connaghan & Associates, PC; and Missouri Hospital Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.