

HB 379 with HCA 1 -- STATEMENT OF NO TAX DUE

SPONSOR: Swan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Small Business by a vote of 13 to 2.

Beginning January 1, 2016, this bill requires a statement of no tax due from the Department of Revenue be a prerequisite to the issuance or renewal of any city or county local business license.

Beginning January 1, 2016, a statement of no tax due from the department and a copy of the bidder's applicable business licenses must be submitted by a person or entity that submits a bid to perform work on a publicly funded project.

HCA 1: Removes the no tax due requirement for an issuance or renewal of a city or county local business license

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is truly a mainstreet issue that levels the playing field for all businesses and acknowledges good citizens and compliant businesses that pay their taxes. This will just be a checkoff to see if the no tax due is there before issuing a bid or license. It is good to make sure that contractors pay their taxes. Currently, any business delinquent on taxes can work with the department and get a license. This bill extends the requirement to bidders.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Swan; Missouri Municipal League; and Missouri Association Of Counties.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that currently real estate licensees/brokers are subject to a biannual check.

Testifying against the bill was Samuel G Licklider, Missouri Realtors.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill explained how the no tax due system would work and when a taxpayer has a delinquency.

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