

HB 1786 -- POWDERED ALCOHOL

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 7 to 3.

This bill defines "powdered alcohol" as alcohol that is prepared in a powdered, crystalline, or capsule form either for direct use or for reconstitution in a nonalcoholic liquid. The bill prohibits the sale or serving of powdered alcohol, and creates the offense of illegal possession of powdered alcohol, as specified in the bill. Anyone who violates these provisions is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

This bill is the same as HB 1329 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that powdered alcohol would contribute to underage drinking and can easily be concealed by minors. This product is dangerous and appeals to youth.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pike; Missouri Academy Of Pediatricians; Missouri Sheriffs Association; Missouri Police Chiefs Association; Missouri School Boards Association; Missouri Council Of School Administrators; Missouri Children's Leadership Council; Evan Schwarz, Missouri College Of Emergency Physicians; Madison Schmarbach; Madeline Mills; Missouri Poison Center at SSM Health; Cardinal Glennon Children Hospital; Kim Weber, Missouri Parents And Teachers Association; and Children's Mercy.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testified for information purposes.

Testifying on the bill were ACT Missouri and Missouri Alcohol And Tobacco Control.