

HCS HB 100 -- INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR EMS PERSONNEL

SPONSOR: Swan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill authorizes Missouri to become a member state of the Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure as prepared by the National Association of State EMS Officials and to adopt the provisions of authorization as specified in the bill. The purpose of the compact is to facilitate the exchange of information between members states regarding EMS personnel licensure, adverse actions, and significant investigatory information.

This bill is similar to HB 1616 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will increase public access to EMS services. It would allow EMS personnel to transport a patient across state lines to a hospital without requiring licensure in both states. Currently, there is nothing to stop someone whose license is revoked or otherwise penalized in one state from just moving to a neighboring state and getting a license there. There is interstate database to check the status of someone's license. Under this bill states would have the ability to check the status of someone's license in another compact state.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Swan; Mid America Regional Council; Air Evac Lifeteam; and Air Methods.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.