

HB 1209 -- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTIONS BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

SPONSOR: Shields

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, Section 334.747, RSMo allows a physician assistant with a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority to prescribe any controlled substance listed in Schedule III, IV, or V of Section 195.017, and to have restricted authority in Schedule II, when given the authority to prescribe controlled substances in a collaborative practice arrangement. This bill adds the word "narcotic" before the words "controlled substance" in Section 334.747.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is a needed fix to clarify what a physician assistant can prescribe.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Shields; and the Missouri Academy of Physician Assistants.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.