

HCS HB 668 -- FIREARMS AND DEFENSIVE USE OF FORCE

SPONSOR: Munzlinger (Jones, 117)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Agri-Business by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute specifies that deadly force may be used against a person who unlawfully enters, remains after unlawfully entering, or attempts to unlawfully enter private property by the individual who owns or leases the private property. The individual who owns or leases the private property does not have a duty to retreat from the property.

The minimum age requirement for obtaining a concealed carry endorsement is lowered from 23 years of age to 21 years of age. To process a change of address for a concealed carry endorsement, the sheriff of the new jurisdiction may charge a fee of up to \$10. A sheriff may charge a fee of up to \$10 to change the name on an endorsement.

Antique firearms, as defined in 18 U.S.C. Section 921, are exempt from the definition of "firearm" as it relates to weapon offenses.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$2,000 in FY 2010, \$0 in FY 2011, and \$0 in FY 2012. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow veterans, returning from defending their country, to defend their families.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Jones (117), Brown (149), Munzlinger, and Leara; and National Rifle Association of America.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.