

HCS HB 787 -- Department of Revenue

SPONSOR: Richardson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability by a vote of 5 to 2.

This substitute requires the Department of Revenue to indemnify fee offices for any liability, including attorney fees, resulting from a legal action if the office was acting in the course of its official duties and pursuant to state law or department rules or regulations.

The Department of Revenue is prohibited from retaining copies, in any format, of source documents presented by an individual applying for or holding a driver's or nondriver's license. The department must not capture digital images of source documents that are capable of being retained in electronic storage in a transferable format. The department must not require the scanning of source documents for the issuance of a concealed carry weapon endorsement and must create an in-house process for printing endorsements to be available upon the request of the applicant.

The department must securely destroy any source documents that were obtained after August 28, 2013, from driver's or nondriver's license applicants.

"Source documents" means original or certified copies, where applicable, of documents presented by an applicant as required under specified state rules and regulations and any documents required for the issuance, renewal, or replacement of driver's or nondriver's licenses by the department under Chapter 136, RSMo, or accompanying regulations.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that new procedures used to scan documents that support an application for a driver's license and a concealed carry endorsement electronically send the information to a contractor in Georgia. This procedure may be subjecting the personal data of the applicant to exposure to a third party or to the federal government.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Richardson; Missouri Family Network; and Brent Stafford.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.