

HJR 8 -- Veterans Lottery Ticket

SPONSOR: Solon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 16 to 0.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment requires the State Lottery Commission to develop and begin selling a "Veterans Lottery Ticket" by July 1, 2014. All net proceeds received from the sale of these tickets must be deposited solely into the Veterans' Commission Capital Improvements Trust Fund.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that a veterans lottery ticket is an additional revenue source which will help provide vital services to our veterans. The veterans lottery ticket has been very successful in other states.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Solon; Dewey Riehn, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department; Rich Higert, American Legion, Department of Missouri; Pat Roe Kerr; Robert Osborn, Missouri Association of Veterans' Organizations; and Larry Combs.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.