

HB 1115 -- HUNTING ACCIDENTS

SPONSOR: Zerr

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 18 to 4.

This bill specifies that the Missouri Conservation Commission within the Department of Conservation may suspend, revoke, or deny a person's hunting permit or privilege for up to 10 years if the person accidentally kills another person while hunting.

PROponents: Supporters say that this bill would give the Missouri Conservation Commission more authority to suspend a person's hunting permit or privilege after an accident in which a death occurs. Currently, the department can only suspend the permit or privilege up to five years regardless of the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Zerr and Karen Ermeling.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill discussed hunting accident statistics and the process the commission goes through in deciding the action to take in regards to suspension of hunting permits or privileges.

Testifying on the bill was the Department of Conservation.