

HJR 27 -- RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

SPONSOR: Brattin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 8 to 5.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment specifies that the right of every citizen to possess, purchase, reload, or manufacture ammunition and any other parts or articles essential to the proper functioning of arms must not be infringed.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2012, an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2013, and an income of \$0 in FY 2014. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the legislation guarantees an individual's right to obtain and possess ammunition. Other states have already imposed restrictions, and Missouri needs to protect the rights of individuals regarding ammunition equally to that of firearms.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Brattin; and Missouri Family Network.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.