

HB 1468 -- FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Burlison

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 6 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 6 to 2.

Currently, an individual with a permit to carry a concealed weapon is exempt from the general statute banning the carrying of concealed weapons in public areas. This bill repeals this general prohibition on carrying concealed weapons such as firearms and knives under Section 571.030, RSMo.

The bill does not repeal specific statutes regulating the concealed carrying of firearms in specified locations and does not grant the same rights to carry firearms concealed as the permit system which imposes only minimal penalties for mistakes and allows reciprocity for carrying weapons in other states.

This bill is similar to HB 1250 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would eliminate the distinction between open and concealed carry.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Burlison; National Rifle Association-Institute For Legislative Action; Abate For Mo; Missouri Alliance For Freedom; Dr. Curt Frasier, Missouri Fire Arms Coalition; and the Missouri Family Network.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.