

HCS HB 1649 -- IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY

SPONSOR: Haahr

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 6 to 3. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 7 to 1.

This bill specifies that any individual who forcibly enters a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing a minor from the vehicle is immune from civil liability if they have a reasonable, good faith belief that forcible entry into the vehicle is necessary. This provision does not affect the person's civil liability if the person attempts to render aid to the minor. The bill specifies factors that may be considered when determining if the good faith belief was a reasonable one.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is to protect individuals who see a minor locked in a hot vehicle.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Haahr and Missouri Kids First.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.