

HB 476 -- RECIPROCITY FOR MILITARY

SPONSOR: Grier

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill includes a Military Occupational Specialty as a type of licensure when applying for licensure in Missouri in the same occupation under Missouri's Reciprocity Laws.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help veterans and former military personnel transition to civilian life. The bill encourages military members to remain in Missouri where their skills transfer to licensed trades. The licensing boards may still limit the scope of a license provided through this bill if the training and professional requirements are different between the military and civilian positions.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Grier and Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.