

HB 215 -- Firearms

Sponsor: Gatschenberger

This bill changes the laws regarding firearms. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Repeals non-penalty merchandising practices provisions which restrict the sale of rifles and shotguns by requiring purchasers or sellers to live in Missouri or a contiguous state and to conform to federal and state gun regulations. Currently, handguns are not subject to this merchandising practice regulation because all permit requirements for purchasing a handgun have been repealed. The bill applies this practice to all types of firearms by allowing a Missouri resident or the resident of any state to purchase any firearm if he or she conforms to federal laws and the laws of the state in which he or she resides;

(2) Increases from three years to five years the period of time from the date of issuance or renewal that a concealed carry endorsement is valid; and

(3) Lowers the age at which a person can obtain a concealed carry endorsement from 23 to 21 years of age.