

HB 727 -- Unlawful Use of Weapons

Sponsor: Kratky

This bill specifies that a person commits the crime of unlawful use of weapons if he or she knowingly commits a felony while in possession of an otherwise lawfully concealed firearm, regardless of whether the firearm was used in the commission of the offense. No person convicted for the first time for the crime of unlawful use of weapons can be placed on probation if he or she was a documented member of a gang or in possession of illegal controlled substances at the time of the offense. A person who has had his or her concealed carry endorsement permanently revoked is prohibited from being issued a concealed carry endorsement certificate of qualification by a sheriff, and a person's endorsement will be immediately suspended by the court upon the filing of an indictment or information charging the person with the crime of unlawful use of weapons and will remain suspended until the charge is dismissed or the person is found not guilty. Upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt, the endorsement will be permanently revoked; and the court must forward a notice of the plea or conviction along with the driver's or nondriver's license containing the concealed carry endorsement to the Department of Revenue. The department must notify the appropriate sheriff who must report the change in endorsement status to the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES).