HCS HB 1447 -- DRIVER'S AND NON-DRIVER'S LICENSES

SPONSOR: Cox

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability by a vote of 5 to 3.

This bill specifies that a person who has presented documents to obtain a driver's license or a non-driver's license must not be required to present the documents again to obtain a renewal or replacement except for documents that demonstrate lawful presence of an applicant who is not a citizen, if it is reasonably believed that the prior license may have been issued as a result of a fraudulent act of the applicant, or the applicant is applying for or renewing a commercial driver's license or instruction permit.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the state implied a commitment not to require license applicants to show their original documents every time they applied. The Interim Committee on Privacy Protection recommended legislation to require the implied promise.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Cox.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say in answering a question about Real ID, because Missouri does not follow the federal Real ID Law, it is possible that at some point in the future it could become problematic for a Missourian to board an airplane or enter a federal building.

Testifying on the bill was Department of Revenue.