

HCS HB 654 & 938 -- PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, VETERANS' PROGRAMS,
AND THE STOLEN VALOR ACT

This bill exempts all property of a veterans' organization with a congressional charter from real and personal property taxes.

The amount of matching grants to be awarded annually for veterans' service officer programs by the Missouri Veterans Commission is increased from \$750,000 to \$1 million.

The Stolen Valor Act of 2007 is established which makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly misrepresent himself or herself as a veteran or a medal recipient. Any violation of this provision will be a class A misdemeanor for the first offense and a class D felony for any subsequent offense. If certain decorations or medals are involved in the offense, it will be a class C or class D felony.