

HCS HB 1574 & 1097 -- DRIVER'S LICENSE VETERAN DESIGNATIONS

SPONSOR: Day (Meadows)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute allows a person to apply to the Department of Revenue to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card upon providing a United States Department of Defense discharge document, known as a DD Form 214, showing a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" and the payment of the authorized fees for the license or card.

A person seeking a duplicate driver's license with the veteran designation for a license which has not expired must pay the authorized fee under Section 302.185, RSMo.

The department may determine the appropriate placement of the designation on a license or card.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of Up to \$28,000 in FY 2013, \$0 in FY 2014, and \$0 in FY 2015. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that having this designation on a driver's license will make it easier for veterans to receive discounts and other benefits from retailers.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Meadows and Shumake; Larry Kay, Missouri Veterans Commission; Dewey Riehn, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department and Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations; Pat Roe Kerr; and Thomas Huber.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.