

HCS HB 1778 -- LANDLORD-TENANT AGREEMENTS

SPONSOR: Riddle

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 1.

This bill specifies that a lessor cannot prohibit a lessee from possessing firearms within an individual residence or from carrying or transporting firearms to and from the residence in a manner allowed by law. Any provision of a lease or oral agreement in violation of these provisions must be void and unenforceable.

A lessor cannot be liable in tort or any other civil action for damages caused by a lessee's possession or use of a firearm on property owned by the lessor unless the lessor violated Section 571.060, RSMo, or otherwise caused the lessee to engage in any unsafe or illegal actions with a firearm.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will maintain the 2nd Amendment right for those who rent or lease the structure where they live.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Riddle and National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.