

HCS HB 1578 -- FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Higdon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill allows members of the National Guard, in good standing, to be exempt from the general ban on carrying concealed weapons without a concealed carry permit. National Guard members can carry concealed weapons in most locations without the need for a concealed carry permit, but specific statutory restrictions pertaining to certain areas remain in force.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that for safety reasons the members of the National Guard should be allowed to carry weapons at all times.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Higdon and Missourians For Personal Safety.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.