

HCS HB 2057 -- FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Bernskoetter

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 8 to 0.

Under current law, an applicant for a concealed carry permit may be charged a fee that does not exceed \$100. This bill specifies that no additional fee may be charged, including any fee for fingerprinting or criminal background checks. An additional fee can be added to recoup any charge to the state for processing credit card payments.

If a concealed carry permit expires while the permit holder is on active duty in the Armed Forces, active state duty, full-time national guard duty, or active duty with the National Guard, or the permit holder is incapacitated due to an injury incurred while in military service, then the permit may be renewed within two months of the permit holder's return to Missouri after discharge from duty or recovery from the incapacitation. Once the two-month period has expired, the provisions governing late renewals apply except the penalties begin to accrue upon the expiration of the two-month period rather than on the permit's expiration date. This renewal provision has an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that bill clarifies the current law with regard to fees.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bernskoetter; Missouri Sheriffs Association; National Rifle Association-Institute For Legislative Action; and Missourians For Personal Freedom.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.