

HB 1492 -- SHOW-ME HEROES PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Lynch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 8 to 0.

Currently, the spouses of active duty National Guard or reservists and active duty military personal, and returning National Guard troops and reservists can participate in the Department of Economic Development's Show-Me Heroes Program for one year following discharge of deployment. This bill extends eligibility in the program to five years from discharge of deployment.

This bill is the same as HB 1040 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that for various reasons many returning military personnel are not ready to look for employment in the first year. This bill would allow them extra time to participate in the program.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lynch; Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO); Dewy Riehn; and Scott Miller, Missouri National Guard.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.