

## HB 87 -- Concealable Firearms

Co-Sponsors: Ward, Sager

This bill allows county sheriffs to issue permits to retired peace officers to carry concealed weapons. Permits are valid for three years and may be renewed for three years.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT

To qualify for a permit, a retired peace officer must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Missouri for at least six months, not have pled to or been found guilty of a crime that is punishable by a prison sentence of more than one year, not be a fugitive, not have been dishonorably discharged from the military, not have been adjudged mentally incompetent, have completed at least 15 years of service, and be in good standing at the time of retiring. The permit application must include whether the applicant meets the requirements for obtaining a permit and documentation signed by a physician that the applicant is in good physical and mental health.

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The bill requires the sheriff to conduct a criminal background check when a concealed weapons permit is issued or renewed and to approve or deny a permit application within seven days of receipt. Permit application and renewal fees may not exceed \$25. If the sheriff refuses to issue or renew a permit, the refusal must be in writing and state the reasons for the refusal. The bill contains an appeals process for aggrieved applicants. The bill also allows for the automatic revocation of a concealed weapons permit for a violation of the requirements to obtain a permit, for failure to maintain peace officer certification, or for revocation or suspension of peace officer certification.

The bill also exempts retired peace officers holding valid concealed weapons permits from the unlawful use of a weapon statute. Any violation of this law is a class A misdemeanor.