

HB 2224 -- CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PEACE OFFICERS

SPONSOR: Jones (117)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 8 to 0.

Currently, peace officers who make traffic stops are required to receive annual training concerning the prohibition of race profiling. This bill changes the training requirement to three hours within the law enforcement continuing education three-year reporting period.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the statutes require peace officers to attend a one-hour training course regarding racial profiling every year. The bill will provide for better instruction and training by requiring peace officers to attend a three-hour course every three years.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Jones (117); Missouri Police Chiefs' Association; and Missouri Sheriffs Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.