

HCS HB 244 -- CONCEALED WEAPONS

SPONSOR: Jones, 89 (Hodges)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 1.

This substitute adds prosecuting attorneys, assistant prosecuting attorneys, circuit attorneys, and assistant circuit attorneys who have completed the firearms safety training course required under Section 571.111, RSMo, to the list of individuals who are exempt from the concealed carry permit requirements.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is necessary for attorneys to protect themselves in their offices and the courthouse.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hodges; Darren Cann; Christopher Miller; Robert George; Richard Shields; Matt Howard; and Jessica Sparks.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that firearms training is very useful and should be included in the bill.

Testifying on the bill was Larry Crawford.