

## HCS HJR 15 -- RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

SPONSOR: Brattin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 4.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment specifies that the right of every citizen to possess, purchase, reload, or manufacture ammunition and any other parts or articles essential to the proper functioning of arms must not be infringed nor the amounts limited and that no state tax or charge in excess of that imposed by law on retail sales of tangible personal property nor federal tax or charge can be imposed on the purchase, possession, or manufacture of the ammunition or parts. These rights must be unalienable and the state is obligated to uphold these rights and cannot, under any circumstance, decline to protect against their infringement.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the constitutional amendment is an important declaration of Missouri citizens' right to keep and bear arms, as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Brattin.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.