

HB 1245 -- DUPLICATIVE VERSIONS OF STATUTES

SPONSOR: Hampton

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass - Not Consent" by the Committee on Rules.

This bill repeals duplicative versions of statutes to allow the law to be administered uniformly. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Repeals the duplicate provisions regarding the Coordinating Council on Special Transportation which are obsolete (Section 208.275, RSMo);
- (2) Repeals the duplicative provision regarding special event motor vehicle auction licenses (Section 301.580);
- (3) Repeals the duplicative provision regarding the specialty license plate for a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation (Section 301.3166);
- (4) Repeals the duplicative provision regarding the specialty license plate for a supporter of the American Red Cross (Section 301.3168);
- (5) Repeals the duplicative provision regarding the specialty license plate for a member of the National Rifle Association (Section 301.3170);
- (6) Repeals the duplicative provision regarding the restrictions on corporation farming (Section 350.016);
- (7) Repeals the duplicative provision regarding the transportation of hazardous materials (Section 390.280);
- (8) Repeals the duplicative provision regarding the requirement to keep a register of the purchase of specified scrap metal or secondhand property (Section 407.300); and
- (9) Repeals the duplicative provision regarding the Statewide Court Automation Fund (Section 476.055).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill is needed to eliminate duplicative versions of statutes.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Hampton.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying say that they work with the departments to determine which statute to repeal and which version should remain. There is no "first in time"; under Missouri law, each piece of legislation is deemed to have passed at the exact same moment. There is one section in the bill where both versions are being eliminated because they were determined to be obsolete.

Other testifying on the bill were Sandy Lueckenoff, Assistant Director of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research and Lori Strong-Gueke, Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning.