

HB 1539 -- CONCEALED CARRY TESTING REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: Kelley (127)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, an applicant for a concealed carry permit is required to perform a physical demonstration of his or her ability to safely load and unload a revolver and a semiautomatic pistol, a live firing exercise with both types of firearms, and a live firing test with both firearms.

This bill changes the requirement to demonstrate with only one firearm, either a revolver or semiautomatic pistol at the applicant's discretion.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill creates efficiency and reduces the use of ammunition.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelley; Missourians for Personal Safety; and National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.