

HB 1562 -- UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON

SPONSOR: Kratky

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill specifies that a person commits the crime of unlawful use of weapons if he or she possesses a firearm while also knowingly in possession of a controlled substance that is sufficient for a felony violation under Section 195.202, RSMo.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will impact violent crime and gives law enforcement the means to do so.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kratky; St. Louis Police Officers Association; Missouri Fraternal Order of Police; and Kansas City Fraternal Order of Police.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.