

HB 2426 -- MISSOURI FIREARMS INDUSTRY NONDISCRIMINATION ACT

SPONSOR: Vescovo

This bill would make it an unlawful discriminatory practice to refuse to provide credit or financial services of any kind, not to continue or to terminate an existing credit or financial service relationship with, or to otherwise discriminate in the provision of credit or financial services against a person or trade association because such person or trade association is engaged in the lawful commerce of firearms or ammunition products. A victim of such unlawful discriminatory practices may bring a civil cause of action for damages, injunctive relief, and any other appropriate civil relief. A plaintiff who successfully prevails in his or her civil action shall also be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fee and court costs. The statute of limitations for a civil action filed under this section shall be two years after the date the aggrieved person or trade association becomes aware of the unlawful discriminatory practice. Whenever the Attorney General has reason to believe that any person is engaging, has engaged, or is about to engage in any such unlawful discriminatory practice the Attorney General may, upon his or her own initiative, bring an action to obtain a declaratory judgment, a temporary restraining order, or preliminary or permanent injunction, or to recover civil penalties of up to ten thousand dollars per violation.