

HB 73 -- PEACE DISTURBANCES FROM FARMING

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 7 to 1.

This bill specifies that a person does not commit the offense of peace disturbance by creating a loud noise or a noxious or offensive odor if the noise or odor comes from raising, maintaining, or keeping livestock, or from planting, caring, maintaining, or harvesting crops or hay, or an engine of a vehicle or tractor while engaged in normal business-related activities.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 2368 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is especially important when cities grow around already existing farms.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McGaugh; Missouri Corn Growers Association; Missouri Farm Bureau; and the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.