

HCS HB 1509 -- LANDLORD TENANT

SPONSOR: Cross

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill specifies that, if a court orders an immediate eviction because of criminal activity, the court may, simultaneously, issue a restraining order against the tenant for up to a year. The restraining order may be renewed for a period of a year if necessary. A restraining order issued under this section shall be deemed served if notice is posted in the same manner as the restraining order.

This bill is similar to HB 277 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that tenants who are evicted sometimes come back to the premises and take up residence with their friends or family who live there, and that needs to be stopped.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cross and Missouri Realtors.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that there is a concern about potential issues with freedom of association and freedom of assembly. If the person was evicted for unsavory conduct, the landlord would likely not want to give such person written permission to return.

Testifying against the bill was Empower Missouri.