

HB 1865 -- FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Hill

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 7 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 9 to 3.

This bill allows a firearms owner to transport and store firearms in privately owned, locked vehicles in parking garages, lots, and parking spaces. Property owners, tenants, employers, and business entities are exempt from both civil and criminal liability for any occurrences involving these firearms and the entity may require firearms to be kept in a locked case and hidden from view if stored in a vehicle. An employer may ban employee firearms from vehicles owned or leased by the employer. An employer and business may ban firearms from certain limited access parking areas if storage areas for firearms are made available to the employee or customer, or if alternative parking areas are provided that are reasonably close to the business or employer.

This bill is similar to HB 458 (2017) and HB 1586 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is necessary to ensure that Missourians can exercise their right to carry concealed weapons. If individuals want to carry concealed weapons and are barred from bringing their firearms into certain buildings, they need to be able to store their firearms in their vehicles.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hill and Tony Shepherd.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that a property owner should have control over his or her property.

Testifying against the bill was Cheryl Hibbeler.