

SCS SB 814 -- DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING NOTATION FOR DRIVER'S
LICENSES

SPONSOR: Riddle

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill includes individuals with hearing loss that impairs the capacity to discriminate ordinary speech in the class of persons eligible for a deaf or hard of hearing notation on their driver's license. The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will make a video explaining the "DHH" notation and the right to receive it and the video will be posted in each driver's license office. The video is conducted in sign language and captioned in English.

This bill is the same as HB 1572 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill is identical to House legislation and passed the Senate 32 to 0. It may help law enforcement identify those who are deaf and hard of hearing at traffic stops without compromising privacy rights.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Riddle.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.