

HB 616 -- FALSE IMPERSONATION

SPONSOR: Dinkins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill specifies that a person commits the offense of false impersonation if he or she, upon being lawfully detained, falsely represents himself or herself, to a law enforcement officer, with the first and last name, date of birth, or Social Security number, or a substantial number of identifying factors or characteristics as that of another person.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that some people have had warrants out for their arrest but they did not know about them because other people falsely impersonated them in situations that resulted in warrants being issued. Law enforcement is able to pull up a person's license information in their system, but they do not have options when a person is unable to provide that information.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dinkins and Missouri Trooper Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.