

HB 792 -- COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES

SPONSOR: Griesheimer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill modifies the storage and record requirements for test score documents issued by commercial testers and documents submitted by military service members by adding them to existing exemptions. Currently, a commercial driver's instruction permit is valid for six months and may be renewed once for an additional six months. The bill changes the permit to a one-year nonrenewable instruction permit and increases the fee from \$5 to \$10. The fee for a duplicate permit is \$5. This bill requires an applicant for a commercial driver's license to take an entry-level driver training program that is currently established by regulation. The bill also allows the Director of the Department of Revenue to waive specified written test requirements for current or former military service members.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill removes Missouri testing for military and former military if they already have a commercial driver's license or instruction permit that is more stringent than Missouri's. It was also stated that this bill will move Missouri closer to what the federal government permits under their guidelines.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Griesheimer and Missouri Department of Revenue.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.