

HB 831 -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

SPONSOR: Sharpe

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 13 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 2.

The bill authorizes a special license plate with the official lineman emblem of the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. The license plate requires an annual \$25 contribution for emblem use to the association which shall be used for lineman training programs and administrative costs. Criteria for the license plate design submitted by the association are specified in the bill. Previously issued special plates will not bear the Lineman emblem unless reauthorized with the \$25 contribution fee.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would help support training programs for linemen who work all hours of the day to provide reliable electric service.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Sharpe; Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives; and Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill responded to fiscal concerns about the bill and explained how the department handles the annual organization fee.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri Department of Revenue.