

HB 59 -- PROTECTION OF FIRST RESPONDERS

SPONSOR: Schnelting

ELECTRONIC RECORDS

This bill specifies that, if a law enforcement officer notifies a county clerk, county collector, county treasurer, county auditor, or county recorder of deeds in Missouri that the officer wants his or her personal information redacted from the electronic records maintained by the county clerk, county collector, county treasurer, county auditor, or county recorder of deeds, the electronic records retained by the county clerk, county collector, county treasurer, county auditor, or county recorder of deeds in Missouri must not disclose the home address or personal information of the law enforcement officer or use a data element that discloses the officer's information.

ASSAULT

The bill specifies that, when the victim of an assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, assault in the third degree, or assault in the fourth degree is a law enforcement officer or emergency personnel as those terms are defined in the definition of "special victim" under Section 565.002, RSMo, the offender, in addition to being subject to the penalties currently provided for in statute, will be ineligible for waiting week credit or any employment security benefits for a period of 18 consecutive months, beginning on the date of the offender's conviction.

UNLAWFUL POSTING OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OVER THE INTERNET (DOXXING)

The bill creates the offense of unlawful posting of personally identifying information over the Internet if he or she knowingly posts the name, home address, Social Security number, telephone number, or other personal information of any law enforcement officer on the Internet with the intent to cause great bodily harm or death to the law enforcement officer or threatening to cause great bodily harm or death to the law enforcement officer. The offense of unlawful posting of personally identifying information over the Internet is a class A misdemeanor. Any person who commits such offense will also be ineligible for waiting week credit or any employment security benefits for a period of 18 consecutive months, beginning on the date of the offender's conviction.