

HCS HB 825 -- OFFENSE OF MAIL THEFT

SPONSOR: Schwadron

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 14 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 825.

A person commits the offense of mail theft if the person intentionally takes mail from another person's mailbox or premises without the consent of the addressee and with intent to deprive the addressee of the mail. The offense of mail theft is a class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a class E felony for a second or subsequent offense.

This bill is similar to HB 675 (2021) and SB 210 (2021).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill addresses crimes associated with a recent influx of home deliveries. Although other offenses could be used to prosecute these offenders, this offense provides consistency and clarity in application.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schwadron; Missouri Fraternal Order of Police; Missouri Retailers Association; Missouri Grocers Association; Arnie C. Dienoff; and Amazon Services.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.