

HB 1303 -- POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Nurrenbern

Current law provides that a person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm if the person knowingly possesses a firearm and the person has been convicted of a felony. This bill changes the provision to apply only to individuals who have been convicted of a dangerous felony, as defined in Section 556.061, RSMo. The bill specifies that a person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm if the person knowingly has a firearm in his or her possession and the person is either on probation or parole for a felony other than a dangerous felony.

The bill also specifies that a person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm within a county with a charter form of government, a county of the first classification, or a city with more than 30,000 inhabitants if such person is a minor, is on public property, is not accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older, and is not possessing the firearm as otherwise allowed by law.

This bill is similar to provisions of HCS HB 301 (2023).