

SB 28 -- HIGHWAY PATROL RECORDS FEES

SPONSOR: Brown (Marquart)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 23 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0 with 1 Present.

This bill provides that a minimum fee of \$6 may be charged by the State Highway Patrol for any records request for a Missouri Uniform Crash Report or Marine Accident Investigation Report where there is an allowable fee of less than \$6. Such \$6 fee will be in place of the allowable fee of less than \$6. The fee may be increased by no more than \$1 every other year starting August 28, 2024. The minimum fee must not exceed \$10.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the intent is to allow the Highway Patrol to distribute copies of reports for a \$6 flat fee, since these documents are more expensive to produce. This system would allow citizens to request and receive reports on an electronic device. This would help the information to be distributed more quickly and effectively. It allows superintendent to increase the fee, and the maximum would be \$10. Last year this legislation made it to Governor's desk and the transportation omnibus bill was vetoed; this was passed late last year.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Brown; and the Missouri Insurance Coalition.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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