

HB 2291 -- SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

SPONSOR: Davidson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 5. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill specifies that firearms and ammunition sold in this state are exempt from state and local sales tax.

This bill is similar to SB 131 (2023).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill is intended to preserve our second amendment rights. Taxation on firearms and ammunition is an infringement on our right to bear arms. Therefore, it is unconstitutional to tax firearms and ammunition.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Davidson and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that sales tax on firearms and ammunition is very important for funding necessities like public infrastructure and city services. Opponents further stated that this is not an infringement on a constitutional right, but is merely a tax on a product. Opponents stated that they would be opposed to any sales tax reduction.

Testifying in person against the bill was Missouri Municipal League.

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.