

HCS HB 946 -- LICENSURE RECIPROCITY FOR SPOUSES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

SPONSOR: Stinnett

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 14 to 5. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 7 to 0 with 2 voting present.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 946.

Current law requires an oversight body for professional licenses to waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements within 30 days for a resident military spouse or a nonresident military spouse and issue the applicant a license if the applicant meets all other requirements. This bill provides a waiver to resident and nonresident spouses of Missouri law enforcement officers.

This bill is the same as SB 283 (2025).

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 we need more law enforcement officers in Missouri. This would help bring more law enforcement officers to Missouri by helping the transition for their spouses.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Stinnett; United WE; Wesley Sutton, Division of Professional Registration; and Jay Schroeder, Missouri Fraternal Order of Police.

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.