



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I am in Support of this Bill. Self-Defense Laws and Statue are much NEEDED!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALEX MCQUEARY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This bill would lower the threshold for justified deadly force in public settings, and broaden circumstances where lethal force is legally permissible. This is awful for safety of Missourians. I urge opposition to Bill 1374.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMELIA REJENT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 1374 is a dangerous bill that would effectively remove the duty to retreat, broadening circumstances where lethal force is necessary. This bill would put lives at risk in a state where over 1,000 people are already killed by guns annually. Shoot First laws such as this one encourage armed vigilantism and avoidable escalation of violence, and do not deter crime. I urge you to put the safety of your communities first when considering this bill.



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Missouri already has a law which protects people who shoot someone in self defense. HB 1374 would make Missouri less safe by allowing people to get by with killing a person when there was a way to remove yourself from a dangerous situation. According to a 2020 Rand Corporation research review, strong evidence linked Shoot First laws with an increase in firearm homicide rates. None of the research found that Shoot First laws prevent violent crime. So, my question is, why would we take a step to increase the danger to individuals while the same step does not provide increased safety from violent crimes?



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Lowering the threshold for justified deadly force in public settings makes justice for victims more difficult. Traditional self-defense laws include a duty to retreat - this instead is a shoot first law. Opposed.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CARA MENGWASSER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This bill will make Missouri even more like the Wild West. Broadening self-defense laws and it will lower the threshold for justified deadly force in public settings. This bill will remove the duty to retreat in public and commercial spaces, broadening circumstances where lethal force is legally permissible. This will not make us safer. Please vote NO**



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I'm writing in opposition of HB1374. By significantly broadening Missouri's self-defense laws, this bill will lower the threshold for justified deadly force in public settings. It shifts the legal burden to prosecutors, requiring them to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant's claim of self-defense in these scenarios was unjustified. The bill effectively removes the duty to retreat in public and commercial spaces, broadening circumstances where lethal force is legally permissible. Having grown up in a home with weapons used for hunting and protection, I am not opposed to the right to bear arms or protect yourself or your home. But this bill does not change the existing law or make Missourians safer.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHRISTINE NOVALIS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1374, a proposal that significantly broadens the state's self-defense laws and, in doing so, poses a serious threat to public safety and justice. HB 1374 fundamentally lowers the threshold for justified deadly force in public settings by shifting the burden of proof to prosecutors, requiring them to demonstrate beyond a reasonable doubt that a claim of self-defense was unjustified. This change undermines the core principles of accountability within the justice system, making it more difficult to prosecute cases involving lethal force. Furthermore, the bill effectively removes the duty to retreat in public and commercial spaces, thus broadening the circumstances under which lethal force can be used legally. This shift not only endangers public safety but also fosters a culture where individuals may feel emboldened to use deadly force in situations that could otherwise be resolved peacefully. By eliminating the expectation to retreat, Missouri risks normalizing violence as a first response rather than a last resort. Studies have shown that states with more permissive self-defense laws, including those that eliminate the duty to retreat, often experience an increase in violent incidents and homicides. This bill, if passed, could escalate conflicts in public spaces, leading to unnecessary loss of life and further straining law enforcement and judicial resources. The principle that lethal force should only be used when absolutely necessary must remain a fundamental part of Missouri's self-defense laws. MO HB 1374 erodes this principle and sets a dangerous precedent that could jeopardize community safety and justice. I urge you to vote against this bill and to prioritize legislation that protects public safety while upholding the fundamental principles of justice and accountability. Thank you for your consideration.



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As a healthcare provider and mom, I oppose this bill. This bill shifts the legal burden to prosecutors, requiring them to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant's claim of self-defense in was unjustified. This bill also effectively removes the duty to retreat in public and commercial spaces, broadening circumstances where lethal force is legally permissible, leading to more needless gun deaths.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DAVID W MALLORY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill is unnecessary, and a waste of the Missouri legislature's time. You have better things to be working on - such as how to maintain the state budget in the light of all the cuts from the U.S. Congress. This bill significantly broadens Missouri's self-defense laws, lowering the threshold for justified deadly force in public settings. It shifts the legal burden to prosecutors, requiring them to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant's claim of self-defense in these scenarios was unjustified. The bill effectively removes the duty to retreat in public and commercial spaces, broadening circumstances where lethal force is legally permissible.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DEBRA A REYNOLDS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This makes it easier to shoot someone in public and get away with it. We already have a stand your ground law.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DR. MARY V HASTINGS (MD)</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a physician who has been practicing in MISSOURI for over 40 years. During 10 of those, I was the physian at the St. Louis County Jail. I am **STRONGLY** against HB 1374 for many reasons. 1. This bill significantly broadens Missouri's self-defense laws, lowering the threshold for deadly force in public settings. There are many impulsive people or those who misread a situation. Calm, Time and a proper assessment of a situation is always the best course of action. Overall our goal should be to reduce deadly force, not encourage it. 2. HB 1374 shifts the legal burden to prosecutors, requiring them to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant's claim of self-defense in these scenarios was unjustified. It should be the other way around, that the defendant should prove self-defense. This is clearly a way to put the blame on the victim. 3.The bill effectively removes the duty to retreat in public and commercial spaces, broadening circumstances where lethal force is legally permissible. This is **SO DANGEROUS**. Think of the KC parade shooting. Think of metrolink and where a bullet can ricochet in a confined space. I am against this bill. Please stop catering to the gun lobby. Missouri is such an extremist state, people will not settle here. We have trouble getting physicians to come to Missouri because who would want to raise a family here in such a gun cucko state. Businesses are leaving and the brain drain is noticeable. Studies show more and easier access to guns has never reduced crime.



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"Shoot First" laws--such as HB 1374--are dangerous and put regular Missouri families at greater risk of violence. Laws like this one have been found by researchers to change the nature of gun violence in states that pass them by encouraging escalations of violence while also doing nothing to deter overall crime. There is a large body of research showing that shoot first laws are connected with increases in firearm homicides. Almost anyone in Missouri is currently able to use the excuse of "self-defense" to shield themselves from being held criminally responsible for the use of force—even lethal force—against another person. Expanding our state's existing "Shoot First" law would encourage people to use deadly force as a first option, instead of as a last resort. Please vote NO on this dangerous and unnecessary bill.



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I strongly oppose HB 1374. (1) Missouri already has a stand-your-ground law. There's no reason for another. (2) With this legislation, the standard under which I could legally shoot someone is ridiculously lax. I could be walking down the street, see a large man, feel a bit threatened, and shoot to kill. I would not be held guilty of murder, despite the fact that I had just murdered someone. This is a bad law.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JANICE STALLINGS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a Missouri native and Missouri resident, I am opposed to HB 1374. Citizens already have a right to self-defense in all settings. I am concerned that this bill would open up more public places to armed confrontations. If Mr. A and Mr. B both draw and fire after disagreeing in public, how do we know which person acted in self-defense? This bill would place a great burden on prosecutors. We need to assist our legal professionals in their pursuit of wrongdoers, not vice versa. Let's uphold the rule of law and our laws' enforcement. Thanks for your attention to this vital matter.





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**I oppose HB1374. This bill does not make anyone safer in fact it loosens the gun laws that help protect your constituents. Please do not pass this bill. MO needs more gun restrictions and laws. We are already the Wild West of the USA.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KAREN ROGERS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I oppose this bill.**



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**We don't need to make it easier to kill people. Stop with the Wild West gun laws.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARY FITZGERALD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to HB 1374 for several reasons. I live in Kirkwood Mo. This bill significantly broadens Missouri's self-defense laws, lowering the threshold for justified deadly force in public settings. It shifts the legal burden to prosecutors, requiring them to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant's claim of self-defense in these scenarios was unjustified. The bill effectively removes the duty to retreat in public and commercial spaces, broadening circumstances where lethal force is legally permissible.



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**I strongly object to this bill. This is a “get out of jail free” to anyone choosing to do harm. It’s not about safety. It’s about giving one with a gun free rein to use it whenever they feel like it. You all know this. You’ve seen the innocent lives taken when this was allowed it other states. Why are you all in a race to be the Gestapo??**



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This bill is so scary to me. It makes our self-defense laws even more robust, allowing for deadly force in public settings. How can this make us more safe. I am terrified that people will feel justified in shooting first and figuring out later if there was any danger. It makes lethal force permissible in public and commercial spaces. Please vote against it.



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<b>This does nothing to reduce gun violence, in fact it promotes it. Please do not advance this bill.</b>			



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**This makes the job of the prosecuting attorney even more difficult. I support law enforcement and am opposed to this bill.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>VICKI BOLGER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to these bills as they:• significantly broaden Missouri's self-defense laws, lowering the threshold for justified deadly force in public settings.• shift the legal burden to prosecutors, requiring them to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant's claim of self-defense in these scenarios was unjustified.• remove the duty to retreat in public and commercial spaces, broadening circumstances where lethal force is legally permissible.