

HCS HB 2266 -- UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS

SPONSOR: Taylor (48)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 3.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2266.

Currently, certain municipal, county, and circuit lawyers and judges are exempt from prohibitions related to the carrying of a firearm when such use is reasonably associated with or is necessary to the fulfillment of such person's official duties.

This bill adds to this list the Missouri Attorney General and any assistant Attorney General.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Attorney General and staff should be able to protect themselves. They are forbidden to do so as of now. The situations that the Attorney General and assistant attorneys general find themselves in are often dangerous. Some get followed back to their hotels by defendants or a defendant's family while being threatened. This bill will give the Attorney General's office the same rights as a prosecutor or public defender.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Taylor; Greg Goodwin, Missouri Attorney General's Office; and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: 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.