

HB 749 -- FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Jones

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 10 to 2.

This bill includes county and municipal prosecutors and municipal, associate circuit, and circuit judges in the classification of officials exempt from unlawful use of a weapon provision such as a prohibition on the carrying of concealed weapons if they pass a firearms safety course. The safety course is identical to the one currently required for issuance of a concealed carry permit.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that municipal prosecutors and judges handle the majority of cases in the court system and are therefore at the most risk. This bill will allow them to adequately defend themselves from disgruntled litigants.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Jones.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.