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Castle Doctrine Sent to Governor for Signing

JEFFERSON CITY – Senate Bill 62, sponsored by Senator Jack Goodman (R-Mt.Vernon), received its final approval from the House late Tuesday night. Representative Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin) carried the bill on the House floor. Senate Bill 62, known as the Castle Doctrine, was overwhelmingly approved earlier by the Senate and finished with a vote of 151-6 in the House.

“Most Missourians believe that unlawfully entering someone’s home is a threatening act of aggression that should trigger the right to use self defense,” said Goodman. “This bill ensures that our laws will protect the innocent, not the criminal.”

This is a true victory for Second Amendment rights as well as victims’ rights. “This is notice to the criminals who unlawfully enter our homes that their intrusion and endangerment of our families will no longer be tolerated,” Rep. Ruestman said after the triumph Tuesday night.

On Wednesday, Governor Matt Blunt issued a statement indicating his intention to sign the bill into law.

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