

Proponent testimony in favor of House bill 8225 To, Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Lear, Ranking Member McNally, and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, Today, I Wilbert Turner, represent the impact of implementing HB-8225 as law. I was born totally blind 71 years ago. I was fortunate to receive a good education, obtain a job that served as my American dream. I received the elements of HB-225 such as; normal wage for a full days work, full health care benefits, full retirement benefits, etc. (a career) of which I am proud. Because of this opportunity, I married a totally blind woman and we have raised and educated two children who are not blind but are now working and providing for their families. I begin full time employment at the age 22 and married at the age 25. Because of the amount of my salary and my benefits, my wife was a housewife and mother who was able to stay home and care for our children. From the beginning of our marriage, we have been independent not receiving supplemental housing or income assistance. In fact we own our home which has been paid in full. As a proponent of HB225 I am requesting you allow other persons with a disability to be able to stand with a smile and say what they have accomplished. Your support of this bill can make there dreams come true. And they can bost of their successes.

Wilbert Turner