

SS#2 SCS HB 103 -- PUBLIC SAFETY

This bill changes the laws regarding public safety. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Allows the executive officer of any public safety agency to enter into a mutual-aid agreement for reciprocal emergency aid with other public and private agencies and specifies that the Department of Public Safety will administer the Missouri mutual-aid system;

(2) Specifies that any member of a political subdivision or public safety agency responding to an emergency, disaster, or public safety need that is not declared by the Governor as an emergency is subject to the liability and workers' compensation provisions provided to him or her as a member of the subdivision or agency;

(3) Requires certain homebuilders to offer to any purchaser before entering into the purchase contract the option to install or equip his or her dwelling or residence with a fire sprinkler system at the purchaser's cost;

(4) Allows state college and university police officers to respond to emergencies or natural disasters outside the boundaries of college or university property and to provide services if requested by the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction;

(5) Establishes the Public Access to Automated External Defibrillator Act which grants immunity for civil damages to any person who gratuitously and in good faith renders medically appropriate emergency care using an automated external defibrillator unless the person acts in a willful and wanton or reckless manner in providing the care, advice, or assistance. The person or entity that owns the defibrillator and the person or entity that provided the clinical protocol for an automated external defibrillator site or program cannot be held liable for civil damages resulting from the use of the defibrillator;

(6) Requires, beginning January 1, 2010, a person owning a boat dock on a lake with at least 950 miles of shoreline or on a lake constructed or maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers with certain specified exceptions to display the appropriate 911 address or the physical address nearest to the dock by land. The bill specifies how and where the address must be displayed. A person who fails to display the identifying information may be guilty of an infraction with a penalty not to exceed \$25; and

(7) Authorizes the Elevator Safety Board within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to adopt a code of rules and regulations governing the licenses of elevator mechanics and elevator contractors.

The provisions of the bill regarding the installation of a fire sprinkler system will expire December 31, 2011.