

HB 98 -- LEAD-ACID BATTERY AND HAZARDOUS WASTE FEES

SPONSOR: Ruzicka

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 16 to 0.

This bill extends from June 30, 2011, to December 31, 2015, the 50-cent fee that is collected on the retail sale of a lead-acid battery as well as the fees for any hazardous waste generated.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014. Estimated Net Income of Other State Funds of \$450,000 in FY 2012, \$1,330,000 in FY 2013, and \$2,030,000 in FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is needed because the hazardous waste fees support the Hazardous Waste Program, which ensures the proper registration, reporting, and clean up of hazardous waste. The fee also helps the state receive additional federal funds. The battery fee ensures that lead-acid batteries are properly recycled. Without this funding, the United States Environmental Protection Agency could rescind the state's delegated authority to carry out this program.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruzicka; Department of Natural Resources; Associated Industries of Missouri; and Missouri Retailers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.