

SS SCS SB 719 -- TEMPORARY BOATING SAFETY IDENTIFICATION CARDS

SPONSOR: Kehoe (Brown, 116)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 12 to 1.

This substitute repeals the current provisions regarding the issuance of a temporary boater education permit to a nonresident and allows any person or company that rents or sells vessels to issue a temporary boating safety identification card to a nonresident of the state, who meets the minimum age requirements, to operate a rented vessel or a vessel being considered for sale for a period of up to seven days. The substitute specifies that the applicant must sign an affidavit stating that he or she has reviewed the Missouri State Highway Patrol Handbook of Missouri Boating Laws and Responsibilities. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is to charge a fee of \$9 to be deposited into the Water Patrol Division Fund for the identification card and a nonresident is not eligible for more than one card. A person or company issuing a temporary boating safety identification card must be able to transmit the applicant's information and payment to the patrol using an electronic online registration process developed and provided by the patrol. The electronic online registration process must allow the applicant to pay the fee by credit card or debit card.

The provisions of the substitute expire December 31, 2022.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of \$8,700 in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the current law requires a nonresident to obtain a boater education permit before he or she can operate a boat in Missouri which has cost businesses many customers. The bill will increase local business in many areas that rely on the tourism industry.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Kehoe; Darrell Law, Bridgeport Boat Rental; and Fred Dehner, Tan-Tar-A Resort.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill answered questions regarding the current process for obtaining a temporary boater education permit.

Testifying on the bill was State Highway Patrol.