

CCS HCS SS SB 769 -- STATE AND LOCAL STANDARDS

This bill changes the laws regarding Jackson County Transit Authority taxes, enterprise zones, residential construction regulatory systems, anemometer towers, and health information organizations.

JACKSON COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TAXES (Section 99.845, RSMo)

Sales taxes levied by the Jackson County Transit Authority to operate transportation facilities are added to the list of taxes that cannot be deposited into a special allocation fund for the purposes of tax increment financing.

ENTERPRISE ZONES (Sections 135.215 and 135.963)

The bill specifies that the exemptions from the assessment and payment of one-half of the taxes imposed on improvements to real property in an enterprise zone or in an enhanced enterprise zone apply only if the political subdivision or municipality levies ad valorem taxes.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION REGULATORY SYSTEMS (Section 321.228)

The bill specifies that if any city, town, village, or county adopts or has adopted, implements, and enforces a residential construction regulatory system applicable to residential construction within its jurisdiction, any fire protection district wholly or partially located therein is prohibited from enforcing or implementing a residential construction regulatory system. Any regulatory system adopted by a fire protection district or its board must be treated as advisory only and cannot be enforced. A fire protection district will have final regulatory authority regarding the location and specifications of fire hydrants, fire hydrant flow rates, and fire lanes and can inspect residential dwellings but cannot charge a fee for the services.

ANEMOMETER TOWERS (Section 701.550)

The bill requires an anemometer tower, which is a wind speed testing tower, that is located outside of a municipality's boundaries, is 50 feet or more in height, and whose appearance is not otherwise mandated by state or federal law to have certain safety markings. The top third of the tower must be painted in equal, alternating bands of aviation orange and white, each outside guy wire must have two attached marker balls, the vegetation around guy wire anchor points must contrast with surrounding vegetation, and guy wires must have safety sleeves. If the adjacent land is grazed, the area surrounding the anchor

point must be fenced. An owner of an anemometer tower in existence as of August 28, 2012, is given until January 1, 2014, to comply with these requirements. A violation of these provisions is a class B misdemeanor.

HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS (Section 1)

No law or rule promulgated by an agency of the state may impose a fine or penalty against a health care provider, hospital, or health care system for failing to participate in any particular health information organization.