

SCS SB 785 -- TEMPORARY BOATING SAFETY IDENTIFICATION CARDS

SPONSOR: Kehoe (Miller)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 23 to 1.

Currently, a nonresident may be issued a one-time, temporary boating safety identification card to operate a rented vessel or a vessel being considered for sale. This bill allows the temporary card to be issued to any individual.

PROPOSERS: Currently, nonresidents can rent a boat or other watercraft without taking a boater's safety course. Supporters say that the bill will provide equity to Missourians who wish to rent a boat but must take the boater's safety course first which can take several hours to complete.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller for Senator Kehoe; and Darrell Law, Bridgeport Boat Rental.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.