

HB 278 -- TRAFFIC REVENUE

SPONSOR: Cornejo

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill replaces the term traffic violation with moving violation and defines annual general operating revenue as revenue that can be used to pay any bill or obligation of a city, town, village, county, or other political subdivision. This includes general sales tax, general use tax, general property tax, fees from licenses and permits, fines, and penalties, but does not include designated sales or use taxes, user fees, grant funds, or other revenue designated for a specific purpose.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill cleans up and clarifies ambiguous language in the statute. The bill also prevents municipal courts from hiding revenue in ambiguous definitions under the law.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cornejo; Jeff Chapple, Missouri Association of Court Administration; St. Louis County Municipal League; Missouri Municipal League; Jeffrey Earl; and Mayor James McGee.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.