

HB 132 with HCA 1 -- FUEL TAX EXEMPTION FOR WATERCRAFT

SPONSOR: Brattin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill authorizes an exemption for motor fuel used exclusively for watercraft in this state from the motor fuel tax and any state or local sales and use taxes. No taxes can be imposed or levied on any motor fuel delivered to any marina within this state who sells the fuel solely for use in any watercraft and is not accessible to other motor vehicles.

Currently, a taxpayer must pay the motor fuel tax with the purchase of the fuel and then request a refund of the tax from the Department of Revenue within one year of the purchase. The bill specifies that any motor fuel distributor who delivers motor fuel to a marina in this state for use solely in any watercraft at a location other than a Missouri marina may claim the exemption by filing a refund claim for the fuel tax paid from the Department of Revenue. Currently, the sales and use tax only applies to fuel not subject to the motor fuel tax.

HCA 1: Makes technical revisions

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill streamlines the fuel tax exemption for boaters by allowing marinas to sell the fuel without charging the tax. The boater will no longer need to keep track of fuel receipts to get a refund of the tax.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Brattin and Missouri Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association (MPCA).

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.