

HCS SS SB 373 -- PUBLIC SAFETY

SPONSOR: Libla (McDaniel)

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill creates the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control Fund and requires 70% of the fees collected for liquor licenses and permits to go to the fund. Money in the fund must be used solely by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control within the Department of Public Safety for the administration of the liquor control laws and laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors and any duties relating to licensing, training, technical assistance, and regulations.

The bill specifies that any individual who holds an occupational license issued by the Missouri Gaming Commission as an unarmed security guard, serving on an excursion gambling boat or a facility adjacent to the boat, must be exempt from any other political subdivision's licensing requirements for unarmed security guards. The commission must have sole authority to license and regulate unarmed security guards on excursion gambling boats and adjacent facilities.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control is underfunded every year. The bill will provide a dedicated funding mechanism for the division.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Libla; Missouri Beer Wholesalers Association; Missouri Retailers Association; Anheuser-Busch, Inc.; and MillerCoors, LLC.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.