

HB 1761 -- BOAT MANUFACTURES AND DEALERS

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill changes the inspection and licensure requirements for boat manufacturers and dealers to reflect the consolidation of the Missouri Water Patrol into the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill reflects personnel and policy changes within the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and will increase efficiency in boat certification.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Miller.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that enabling all Missouri Highway Patrol employees to inspect and certify boats would be far more efficient. Furthermore, since the Water and Highway Patrol have merged, existing statutory language limiting who can certify boats is simply outdated.

Testifying on the bill was Lance MacLaughlin, Missouri State Highway Patrol.