

HB 2101 -- LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CERTAIN BOATS

SPONSOR: Fitzpatrick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Commerce by a vote of 6 to 2.

This bill reduces the number of passengers necessary to apply for a boat liquor license under Section 311.091, RSMo, from 100 to 30 passengers. The same application process currently used for passenger boats with 100 or more persons will now apply to smaller passenger boats.

This bill is the same as HB 149 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow for more commercial boats to sell liquor which may reduce the number of people drinking while boating. It would also provide consistency across the state. Currently, the statutes contain an exemption for boats carrying more than 45 passengers on Table Rock Lake. This bill will lower the minimum number of passengers a boat must be able to hold to 30 making it consistent throughout the state.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Fitzpatrick.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.