

HB 2104 -- LIQUOR SELF-DISPENSING SYSTEMS

SPONSOR: Alferman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill expands the authorization for licensed liquor retailers to use table tap dispensing systems that allow patrons to self-dispense up to 32 ounces of beer per patron to include self-dispensing of up to 16 ounces of wine per patron, and removes references to table taps and instead refers to self-dispensing systems.

This bill is the same as SB 859 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would allow restaurants and bars to have self-dispensing taps so that patrons have the opportunity to try several different types of beer or wine at their leisure, without needing to wait for the assistance of a server or bartender. The law currently allows for table tap dispensing, so that patrons can self-dispense one type beer at a time, this change would give patrons the option to self-dispense multiple types of beer or wine.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Alferman; Missouri Restaurant Association; Missouri Retailers Association; and the Missouri Grape And Wine Alliance.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.