

HCS HB 844 -- LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS

SPONSOR: Hudson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill extends the liability waiver of lodging establishments to articles lost from safe deposit boxes. The bill also specifies that any lodging establishment that publishes current rates electronically on a public Internet platform does not have to post a written copy of the rates charged for each guest room.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is an antiquated law that needs to be updated to current practices, both in posting rates and in new security box systems that hotels are utilizing instead of the old large single safe.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hudson; and Gail Myer, Missouri Hotel & Lodging Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.