

HB 507 -- GAMING FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Rone

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 14 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 3.

This bill modifies requirements that gaming facilities must be located on a boat, ferry, or other floating facility to allow a casino to be on a nonfloating facility within 1,000 feet of the Missouri or Mississippi River, as defined in the bill.

This bill is the same as HB 2681 (2020).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill helps gaming facilities with the cost of maintaining a facility in areas with high flooding. This helps ensure safety of the facility by mitigating some of the issues with water. This also helps municipalities whose budget largely depend on taxes from gaming facilities.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rone; Twin Rivers Management Group; Arnie C. Dienoff; Denny Callen, Century Casino Caruthersville; John Ferguson II; Lyle W. Randolph, Century Casinos; Sue Grantham, City of Caruthersville; Jana Carey Merideth, City of Caruthersville, and the Century Casino.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.