

SCS HB 841 -- CONTAINERS ON WATERCRAFT

This bill prohibits food or beverage containers made of glass from being transported on the waters of the state in watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, or inner tubes which are susceptible to swamping or tipping. Persons carrying appropriately packaged beverages or food on the waters of the state in these watercraft are required to use a cooler, icebox, or similar nonglass container which floats. Containers are to be sealed and carried affixed to the watercraft. All trash is to be disposed of lawfully. Any person who violates these provisions is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

Law enforcement officers certified pursuant to Chapter 590, RSMo, are allowed, prior to an arrest, to administer a portable chemical test to any person suspected of operating a vessel while intoxicated. The results of the tests will be admissible as evidence of probable cause and as exculpatory evidence, but will not be admissible as evidence of blood alcohol content.