

HB 901 -- Liquor Control

Sponsor: Deeken

This bill establishes the Fund for the Reduction of Alcohol-Related Problems. The fund will receive moneys through appropriation from increased fees for selling intoxicating liquor. Moneys in the fund must be used only for the study and reduction of alcohol-related problems through statutory programs. The fund will be administered by the State Treasurer.

The fee for selling both 3.2% and 5% beer is increased from six cents per gallon to 24 cents per gallon. The fee for selling spirituous liquor is increased from \$2 per gallon to \$4 per gallon. The fee for selling wine is increased from 42 cents per gallon to 78 cents per gallon.

The bill contains a referendum clause which must be submitted to Missouri voters in November 2004 or at a special election called by the Governor.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.