

HB 1407 -- MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS

SPONSOR: Mayer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 17 to 0.

This bill authorizes the City of St. Louis to create an administrative system for adjudicating parking and other nonmoving municipal code violations. The creating order or ordinance must designate the administrative tribunal, its jurisdiction, and the code violations to be reviewed. The administrative tribunal will not be able to impose terms of incarceration or fines in excess of those allowed by law. Final determinations of the administrative tribunal will be subject to review pursuant to Chapter 536, RSMo. Unpaid sanctions, fines, or costs will be a debt owed to the city, may be collected in accordance with applicable law, and may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment lien.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that parking tickets are a problem in St. Louis, and the current procedure for appealing a parking ticket is burdensome and time consuming. The bill will, in essence, decriminalize parking tickets.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Mayer; and City of St. Louis.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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