

HCS SB 1259 -- TEMPORARY BOATER EDUCATION PERMITS

SPONSOR: Childers (Taylor)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles by a vote of 20 to 0.

This substitute allows nonresidents born after January 1, 1984, to operate a vessel on a lake of this state with a temporary boater education permit. The permit may be obtained by completing and passing a written examination developed by the State Water Patrol and paying a \$10 fee. The temporary permit will expire when the nonresident receives their permanent identification card or 30 days after issuance of the temporary permit, whichever occurs first. Upon successful completion of the test and prior to renting a vessel, the business entity responsible for giving the examination will collect and forward the fees to the water patrol. The business entity will incur no additional liability for the responsibility of administering the examination. The temporary boater permit provision has a termination date of December 31, 2010.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that boating is important to Missouri tourism. Nonresident boaters make up a substantial number of those boaters and accommodations need to be made for them. Other states have made this option available.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Childers; State Water Patrol; Lake Ozark Marine Association; and National Marine Manufacturers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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