

HB 592 -- EXCURSION GAMBLING BOATS

SPONSOR: Cooper (120)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Rules by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill requires jackpots over \$1,200 won by self-excluded problem gamblers on excursion gambling boats to be deposited into the Compulsive Gamblers Fund.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$0 to Unknown in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that when a jackpot is won by a self-excluded gambler, the funds are retained by the excursion gambling boat operator. This money should not be retained and transferring those funds to the Compulsive Gamblers Fund will help all individuals who are problem gamblers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cooper (120); Missouri Gaming Commission; and Missouri Riverboat Gaming Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Bill Tucker, Director