

HCS HB 691 -- NON-GAMING AMUSEMENT DEVICES

SPONSOR: Cooper (120)

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

This substitute revises the definition of "gambling device" by excluding amusement devices that award only an immediate right of replay or a coupon credit that can be redeemed on the premises for something of value, not to exceed \$5 per play, except for cash, intoxicating beer or liquor, or tobacco products. Slot machines at truck stops are specifically excluded.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that revising the definition of "gambling device" will allow existing family-oriented businesses to continue operating within the law.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cooper (120); and Rick Young.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Bill Tucker, Director of Research