

HCS HB 944 -- SHIPMENT OF WINE

SPONSOR: Cooper, 120

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 1.

This substitute allows a licensed wine manufacturer or a retail alcoholic beverage licensee from this state or any state which has a reciprocal shipping agreement with Missouri to obtain a wine direct shipper license from the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control within the Department of Public Safety in order to ship up to two cases of wine per month for personal use directly to a Missouri resident older than 21 years of age. Wine manufacturers must use a licensed alcohol carrier as specified in the substitute when shipping the wine.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of \$40,466 in FY 2008, \$104,502 in FY 2009, and \$98,239 in FY 2010. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$100,000 in FY 2008, \$120,000 in FY 2009, and \$120,000 in FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that out-of-state wine manufacturers may ship wine into the state, but in-state wineries cannot. The bill addresses this inequality and will allow the collection of excise taxes on out-of-state shipments providing another revenue source.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cooper (120); Missouri Vintners' Association; Adam Puchta and Son Wine Company; Missouri Wine and Grape Board; Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Department of Public Safety; Missouri Grocers' Association; and Missouri Retailers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.