

HCS SB 322 -- CONSTRUCTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES

SPONSOR: Engler (Cooper, 158)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 5 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding commercial zones and the requirements for designing, constructing, and managing state buildings. In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Establishes a commercial zone east of the city limits of Kansas City along State Route 210 and northwest from the intersection of State Route 210 and State Route 10 to include the boundaries of the City of Excelsior Springs;
- (2) Extends the commercial zone surrounding the City of St. Louis from 18 to 25 miles beyond its corporate city limits and extends throughout St. Louis and St. Charles counties;
- (3) Extends the commercial zone of the City of Festus in Jefferson County south from the city limits along U. S. Highway 61 to the intersection of State Route 00 in St. Genevieve County;
- (4) Prohibits any motor vehicle from operating in the commercial zone of the City of St. Joseph with a weight greater than 22,400 pounds on one axle or a height over 15 feet;
- (5) Allows the Second State Capitol Commission to control copyrights and trademarks for any photograph, written work, art object, or any product created on the Capitol or Capitol grounds by granting access or use of the work. Any money received must be deposited into the Capitol Commission Fund to be used for repairs, refurbishment, or creation of decorations or adornments for the Capitol or its grounds;
- (6) Renames the Division of Facilities Management to the Division of Facilities Management, Design, and Construction and expands its responsibilities to include the supervision of any design, construction, renovation, or repair of state facilities; and
- (7) Requires that an open bidding process be used for all projects in excess of \$100,000. For projects costing between \$25,000 and \$100,000, a minimum of three contractors must be solicited with the contract awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of

\$443,500 in FY 2008, \$443,500 in FY 2009, and \$0 in FY 2010.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that fewer trips will lessen the traffic on public roadways making for safer road conditions for the public. The expansion of cities with commercial zones are moving further out in the zone.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Engler; SITE Improvement Association; and Construction Employers Coalition.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that they are concerned about the conditions of the roads with the heavier truck weights and with the safety of the motoring public. Heavier vehicles will not have the same stopping distance, and many drivers will not have the necessary experience needed to operate these heavier trucks.

Testifying against the bill were David Peter, Peters Trucking, Incorporated; Don Althoff Trucking, Incorporated; Ralph Roloff, Roloff Trucking, Incorporated; and Missouri Dump Truckers Association.