

HB 1744 -- Boating and Waterways

Sponsor: Day

This bill changes the laws regarding boating and waterways. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Prohibits expanded polystyrene coolers on or within 50 feet of a river or stream, except in developed campgrounds, picnic areas, landings, roads, or parking lots and removes the current restriction on expanded polypropylene coolers;

(2) Allows boaters to possess a Missouri driver's license or nondriver's license with an endorsement from the State Water Patrol of successfully meeting the requirements of a boating safety course in lieu of a boater safety identification card; and

(3) Requires all boat dock owners to post the dock's permit number and appropriate 911 address or nearest physical address on the lake side of the dock most visible from the channel or cove and specifies that the information must be at least three inches in height and have a contrasting color to the dock. Signs posted prior to August 28, 2010, will be exempt from the three-inch height requirement.