

HCS HB 1644 -- EXCURSION GAMBLING BOAT LICENSES

SPONSOR: Franz (Barnes)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, the initial license and first subsequent license renewal of an excursion gambling boat operator is for a period of one year and for two years thereafter. This substitute changes the renewal period after the first renewal and thereafter to five years. The substitute also changes the time period that an applicant for a license must file and a supplier must apply for a license from annually to biennially.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that extending the time period for renewals makes sense because the current requirements are unnecessary since these companies are already subject to close regulation and possible investigation if issues arise under other provisions. Much of the information provided during this process is redundant and the time, effort, and expense expended can be great.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Barnes; and Missouri Gaming Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.