

HB 1266 -- BOAT MANUFACTURERS

SPONSOR: Railsback

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rural Community Development by a vote of 14 to 0.

Currently, in order to be licensed as a boat dealer, the entity must sell six or more vessels or vessel trailers in every calendar year.

This bill waives that sales requirement for entities that are also licensed as boat manufacturers under Section 301.559, RSMo who custom manufacture boats:

(1) For use with biological research and management equipment for fisheries; or

(2) For use with scientific sampling and for geological or chemistry purposes.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that current statute requires a boat dealer to sell six or more boats per year but as a manufacturer of highly specialized boats to a few organizations, certain dealers may not sell six boats. However, the boat trailer companies will not work with these dealers without dealer licenses. This bill will allow these dealers of highly specialized boats to maintain a dealers license even if they do not sell six boats.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Railsback and Shawn Banks.

Additional written testimony was submitted in support of the bill.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others submitted written testimony for informational purposes only.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.