SB 652 -- SALES TAX EXEMPTION

SPONSOR: Rizzo (Patterson)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 11 to 2. Vote "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 3.

This bill provides that beginning June 1, 2026, and ending July 31, 2026, a sales tax exemption is authorized for the sale of tickets to matches of the 2026 FIFA World Cup soccer tournament held in Jackson County.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that hosting matches of the 2026 FIFA World Cup soccer tournament has a potential economic impact of bringing \$695 million to the state. This tax exemption is a qualifier called for by FIFA for participating cities. By passing this bill, Missouri remains competitive with other contending host cities to ultimately host tournament matches.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Rizzo; Builders' Association; Jackson County Legislature; Missouri Chamber of Commerce; Kansas City Royals; Burns & McDonnell; City of Kansas City; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Blue Cross Blue Shield; Hallmark Cards; Susan Henderson Moore, and Je Dunn.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill submitted written testimony, which can be found online.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill submitted written testimony, which can be found online.

Testifying on the bill was Dava-Leigh Brush.

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.