

SB 987 -- GAMBLING BOATS

SPONSOR: Bean (Rone)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules - Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0, with 1 voting present.

Current law defines "nonfloating facility" for the purposes of licensing excursion gambling boats as a structure within 1000 feet of the Missouri or Mississippi River. This bill requires such structure to be within 1000 feet from the closest edge of the main channel of the Missouri or Mississippi River. This bill also allows the water beneath or inside of such facility to be in tanks in addition to rigid or semirigid storage containers or structures (Section 313.800, RSMo).

This bill also makes technical corrections to provisions relating to the transition from a floating facility to a nonfloating facility (Section 313.805).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is the same language that passed in SB 26 last year but that bill is currently being challenged in court.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Bean.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.