

HCS HB 643 -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Mayhew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs by a vote of 14 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 8 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 643.

This bill adds any county that borders the Lake of the Ozarks to an existing statutory authorization allowing the creation of a theater, cultural arts, and entertainment district.

The bill also defines a "Lakefront Entertainment District". The Supervisor of Alcohol and Tobacco Control may issue a Lakefront Entertainment District Special License to applicants who meet requirements specified in the bill. Licenseholders will be authorized to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink for retail consumption during specified hours. Any applicant granted a license must pay a \$300 yearly license fee per district in addition to the fees required for each individual licensee.

Patrons of establishments that serve alcohol located within a Lakefront Entertainment District are authorized to leave those establishments with alcoholic beverages and bring the beverages with them into other areas of the Lakefront Entertainment District.

Additional requirements for licenseholders in Lakefront Entertainment Districts are provided in the bill. The governing body of the local government in which the Lakefront Entertainment District is located is authorized to adopt ordinances for the approval or rejection of such districts as well as additional rules and regulations related to the districts. The holder of an entertainment district special license will determine when and where licensee's in the district can sell.

This bill is similar to HB 2068 (2024) .

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this will allow for further development and economic prosperity. There are similar zones elsewhere in the State and the Lake would benefit from being on an even playing field. This is a step toward giving more freedom to

local governments. Outdoor events like concerts will be more successful, which helps local businesses. Those within the zone still have to consent by a vote for the entertainment district; they aren't forced to adopt one.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Mayhew; Arnie Dienoff; Justin Hoffman, City Council Osage Beach; Jeff Aboussie, Regional Strategies/Lakeport Development-Osage Beach, MO; Ike Skelton, Camden County; Christopher Foster; Trail Consulting, LLC.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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