

HCS HB 2057 -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Verneti

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Commerce by a vote of 10 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2057.

This bill allows for the designation of an entertainment district located in Osage Beach and Chesterfield that:

- (1) Borders on or contains no less than 1,000 miles of lake shoreline or borders the Missouri river, as specified in the bill;
- (2) Contain a combination of entertainment venues, bars, nightclubs, restaurants, and other licensed establishments and common areas; and
- (3) Is designated as an entertainment district by way of an ordinance passed by the governing body of Osage Beach.

Under the provisions of the bill, a person can apply for an entertainment district special license ("license") to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink from one or more licensed establishments including, but not limited to, portable bars within the entertainment district on the following schedule:

- (1) Until 1:30 a.m. on Mondays through Saturdays; and
- (2) From 6:00 a.m. on Sundays through 1:30 a.m. on Mondays.

A license fee of \$300 per year must be assessed for a license.

An establishment holding a license may allow persons to leave the premises with an alcoholic beverage and enter upon and consume the alcoholic beverage within other licensed establishments and common areas located in portions of the entertainment district during the days and hours described in this bill. However, no person will take any alcoholic beverage outside the boundaries of the entertainment district.

Every licensee within the entertainment district must serve alcoholic beverages in containers that display the licensee's

trade name, logo, or some other unique mark. The licensee will be solely responsible for alcohol violations that occur on the premises, including any portable bar or common area.

The governing body of the city in which the entertainment district is located can adopt procedures for the approval or rejection of the entertainment district as well as regulations concerning conduct and enforcement thereof.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will allow for the city of Osage Beach to grow their economy and bring in more businesses.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Verneti; and Regional Strategies.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced in-person 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.