

2008 Missouri Legislative Status Report
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TOURISM

January 25, 2008

BUDGET

Governor proposes \$4 million increase for Division of Tourism (\$24.6 million total).
STATUS: Awaiting introduction

HB 1319 (Brown)
Authorizes a tax credit for employers who hire qualified high school students for summer jobs.
STATUS: Introduced

HB 1329 (Sater)
Allows a registrant of any utility trailer, recreational vehicle trailer, camper trailer, or boat trailer with an unloaded weight of 3,000 pounds or less to permanently register the trailer for \$52.50.
STATUS: Introduced

HB 1337 (Wood)
Authorizes a county governing body to disincorporate a village incorporated after August 28, 2007, under certain specified circumstances.
STATUS: Introduced

HB 1341 (Ruestman)
Establishes Ethan's Law, which requires the owner of a for-profit, privately owned swimming pool to maintain adequate liability insurance in the event of injury or death of a patron.
STATUS: House Special Committee on Health Insurance

HB 1372 (McGhee)
Establishes the Missouri State Park Board, which is responsible for the Historical Marker Program.
STATUS: House Corrections and Public Institutions Committee

HB 1392 (Loehner)
Eliminates the in-lieu watercraft tax for all boats and vessels except barges and tugboats documented with the United States Coast Guard and makes the owner liable for state and local sales or use tax.
STATUS: Introduced

HB 1431 (Hodges)
Authorizes the City of Charleston to impose upon voter approval, a transient guest tax for the promotion of tourism.
STATUS: Introduced

HB 1434 (Wildberger)
Requires individuals or businesses convicted of knowingly accepting any state-administered or subsidized tax credit, tax abatement, or loan while employing illegal aliens to repay the amount to the state.
STATUS: Introduced

HB 1438 (Kelly)
Allows all United States residents access to lands owned, managed, or funded by the state for the purpose of riding horses or mules under certain conditions.
STATUS: Special House Committee on State Parks

HB 1501 (Bruns)
Authorizes cities and counties to increase transient guest taxes from five to eight per cent.
STATUS: WITHDRAWN

HB 1610 (Cooper)
Imposes restrictions on operation of watercraft and abandonment of docks.
STATUS: Introduced

HB 1682 (Meiners)
Removes \$500 loss limit on gaming boats.
STATUS: Introduced

HB 1686 (Nolte)
Four-day motor fuel tax holiday for Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.
STATUS: Introduced

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HB 1715	(Schad) Changes watercraft laws. STATUS: Introduced
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SB 765	(Goodman) Repeals the provisions which allow villages to incorporate in an alternative way rather than requiring a petition by 2/3 of the taxable inhabitants that is approved by the county commission. STATUS: Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee, Public Hearing Held
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SB 816	(Goodman) Allows Taney County and any city, town, or village within such county to form a Theater, Cultural Arts, and Entertainment District. STATUS: Senate Economic Development Committee
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SB 872	(Stouffer) Provides that certain billboards erected prior to August 28, 2002, but which fail to comply with new legal standards on that date, shall be considered as legal, conforming out-of-standard signs under Missouri law. STATUS: Senate Transportation Committee
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SB 900	(Vogel) Increases transient guest tax limit from five to eight per cent. STATUS: Senate Ways and Means Committee, Public Hearing Scheduled Monday
