

2008 Missouri Legislative Status Report
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TOURISM

May 8, 2008

HB 2007

BUDGET

DIVISION OF TOURISM

Governor proposes \$4 million increase for Division of Tourism (\$24.6 million total). \$1 million may be used for Missouri bike race. House Budget Committee cut \$1 million from total recommended which House approved. Senate Appropriations Committee approved governor's recommendation with \$250,000 to State Film office, which will be moved to Division of Tourism. Conference Committee approved \$3 million increase.

STATUS: House and Senate Passed. Sent to Governor

AMTRAK FUNDING

House Appropriations Committee approved cutting Amtrak from two daily trains to one, saving \$2.9 million. Governor had recommended funding for two trains per day (current level). Senate Appropriations Committee restored full funding as governor recommended for Amtrak, which was accepted by Conference Committee.

STATUS: House and Senate Passed. Sent to Governor

HB 1319 (Brown)

Authorizes a tax credit for employers who hire qualified high school students for summer jobs.

STATUS: House Ways and Means Committee

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: House Transportation Committee

HB 1337 (Wood)

Authorizes a county governing body to disincorporate a village incorporated after August 28, 2007, under certain specified circumstances.

STATUS: House Local Government Committee

HCS 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. No added staffing required.

STATUS: House Passed; Senate Small Business Committee, Approved

HB 1372 (McGhee)

Establishes the Missouri State Park Board, which is responsible for the Historical Marker Program.

STATUS: House Corrections and Public Institutions Committee, Approved

HB 1431 (Hodges)

Authorizes the City of Charleston to impose upon voter approval, a transient guest tax for the promotion of tourism.

STATUS: House Local Government Committee, Approved

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: Special House Committee on Immigration

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, Approved

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: House Special Committee on State Parks, Public Hearing Held

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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: House Ways and Means Committee

HB 1715 (Schad)
Changes watercraft laws. Lowers DWI level for boaters. STATUS: House and Senate Passed Differing Versions

HB 1851
Reduces tip servers hourly wage from \$3.32 to \$2.13. STATUS: House Defeated

HB 1864 (Parsons)
Revises gaming boat laws. STATUS: House Passed; Senate Government Organization Committee, Approved

HB 1905 (Schlottach)
Adds "tourist attractions" to list of attractions eligible to receive signs under Section 226.525. STATUS: House Transportation Committee

HB 1929 (Cooper)
No new gaming excursion boats until 2010 allowed. STATUS: House Preliminarily Approved

HB 1967 (Day)
Authorizes Waynesville to impose transient guest tax for a multipurpose conference and convention center. STATUS: House Local Government Committee, Approved

HB 1978 (Sutherland)
Exempt ski operators from liability for inherent risks of skiing. STATUS: House Judiciary Committee, Public Hearing Held

HB 2043 (Cooper)
Revises gaming law. STATUS: House Special Committee on General Laws

HB 2072 (Loehner)
Repeals in-lieu watercraft tax. STATUS: Introduced

HCS HB 2126 (Holsman)
Tourism tax for Grandview. STATUS: House Local Government Committee, Approved

HB 2232 (Cooper)
Limits gaming licenses to thirteen. STATUS: House Special Committee on General Laws

HB 2327 (Blevins)
Redistributes gaming funds. STATUS: House Special Committee on Veterans

HB 2420 (Baker)
Three-year moratorium on gaming license. STATUS: House Special Committee on General Laws, Approved

HCS HB 2115 (Salva)
Authorizes Sugar Creek to impose transient guest tax. STATUS: House Special Committee on Government Affairs, Approved

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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 Passed; House Local Government Committee, Approved
SCS SB 809	(Stouffer) Billboard standards during construction on I-70 and I-44. STATUS: Senate Transportation Committee, Approved; On Senate Informal Debate Calendar
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
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
SB 900	(Vogel) Increases transient guest tax limit from five to eight per cent. COMMENT: Likely dead for this session. STATUS: Senate Ways and Means Committee, Public Hearing Cancelled, not re-scheduled
SB 1065	(Bartle) Revises watercraft safety laws. STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee
SB 1075	(Engler) Limits liability of watercraft outfitters. STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee
SB 1089	(Justus) Grandview may impose guest tax. STATUS: Senate Passed; In House Local Government Committee, Public Hearing Held
SCS SB 1107	(Scott) Changes in watercraft regulation. STATUS: Senate Passed; House State Parks Committee, Approved
SCS SB 1171	(Goodman) Two-year moratorium on gaming licenses. STATUS: Senate General Laws, Approved
HCS SCS SB 1209	(Callahan) Imposes guest tax in Sugar Creek. STATUS: Senate Passed; House Ways and Means Committee, Approved

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