

**2008 Missouri Legislative Status Report**  
**by: Dale A. Amick**

**TOURISM**

**February 21, 2008**

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**BUDGET**

**DIVISION OF TOURISM**

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

**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). Funding for side rail construction to speed up Amtrak service (\$10 million) pending in capital improvements bill.

**STATUS:** House Appropriations Committee on Economic Development, Approved; In House Budget Committee

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**HB 1319 (Brown)**

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

**STATUS:** Special House Committee on Job Creation

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**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

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**HB 1337 (Wood)**

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

**STATUS:** Introduced

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**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, Approved

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**HB 1372 (McGhee)**

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

**STATUS:** House Corrections and Public Institutions Committee

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**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

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**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

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**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, Public Hearing Held

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**HB 1501 (Bruns)**

Authorizes cities and counties to increase transient guest taxes from five to eight per cent.

**STATUS:** WITHDRAWN

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**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

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**HB 1686 (Nolte)**

Four-day motor fuel tax holiday for Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

**STATUS:** Introduced

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<b>HB 1715 (Schad)</b>	<b>Changes watercraft laws.</b> <b>STATUS: House Special Committee on State Parks</b>
<b>HB 1864 (Parsons)</b>	<b>Revises gaming boat laws.</b> <b>STATUS: House Special Committee on Financial Institutions, Public Hearing Held</b>
<b>HB 1905 (Schlottach)</b>	<b>Adds "tourist attractions" to list of attractions eligible to receive signs under Section 226.525.</b> <b>STATUS: Introduced</b>
<b>HB 1967 (Day)</b>	<b>Authorizes Waynesville to impose transient guest tax for a multipurpose conference and convention center.</b> <b>STATUS: Introduced</b>
<b>HB 1978 (Sutherland)</b>	<b>Exempt ski operators from liability for inherent risks of skiing.</b> <b>STATUS: Introduced</b>
<b>HB 2043 (Cooper)</b>	<b>Revises gaming law.</b> <b>STATUS: Introduced</b>
<b>HB 2072 (Loehner)</b>	<b>Repeals in-lieu watercraft tax.</b> <b>STATUS: Introduced</b>
<b>HB 2126 (Holsman)</b>	<b>Tourism tax for Grandview.</b> <b>STATUS: Introduced</b>
<b>SB 765 (Goodman)</b>	<b>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.</b> <b>STATUS: Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee, Approved</b>
<b>SCS SB 809 (Stouffer)</b>	<b>Billboard standards during construction on I-70 and I-44.</b> <b>STATUS: Senate Transportation Committee, Approved</b>
<b>SB 816 (Goodman)</b>	<b>Allows Taney County and any city, town, or village within such county to form a Theater, Cultural Arts, and Entertainment District.</b> <b>STATUS: Senate Economic Development Committee</b>
<b>SB 872 (Stouffer)</b>	<b>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.</b> <b>STATUS: Senate Transportation Committee</b>
<b>SB 900 (Vogel)</b>	<b>Increases transient guest tax limit from five to eight per cent.</b> <b>COMMENT: Likely dead for this session.</b> <b>STATUS: Senate Ways and Means Committee, Public Hearing Cancelled</b>
<b>SB 1065 (Bartle)</b>	<b>Revises watercraft safety laws.</b> <b>STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee</b>
<b>SB 1075 (Engler)</b>	<b>Limits liability of watercraft outfitters.</b> <b>STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee</b>

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**SB 1089 (Justus)**

**Grandview may impose guest tax.**

**STATUS: Senate Economic Development Committee**

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**SB 1107 (Scott)**

**Changes in watercraft regulation.**

**STATUS: Senate Government Organization Committee, Public Hearing Held**

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