

HB 842 -- DIVISION OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO FUND

SPONSOR: McDaniel

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill creates the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control Fund. The fund will consist of 70% of all fees for licenses and permits collected under Chapter 311, RSMo, and requires moneys in the fund, upon appropriations, to be used to support the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control within the Department of Public Safety and for the administration of alcohol and tobacco rules and regulations under Chapters 311 and Sections 407.924 to 407.934. The remaining funds do not revert to the General Revenue Fund.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control is underfunded every year. This bill will provide a dedicated funding mechanism for the division.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McDaniel; Missouri Beer Wholesalers Association; Jennifer Durham, Anheuser - Busch, Inc.; and MillerCoors, LLC.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.