

HCS HB 1690 -- NICOTINE OR VAPOR PRODUCTS

SPONSOR: Rowden

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 14 to 1.

This bill defines alternative nicotine product as any non-combustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means.

Vapor product is defined as any non-combustible product containing nicotine that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical nicotine in a solution or other form, including any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device.

The bill adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to those products restricted to those 18 years of age and older and to the provisions regarding tobacco merchandising practices.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill provides clearer definitions and regulates products that need to be restricted by age.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rowden; Aqueous Vapor, LLC; Missouri Retailers Association; and Missouri Grocers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying stated that they were concerned about the definitions in these provisions.

Testifying on the bill were Missouri Petroleum and Convenience Store Marketers; American Cancer Society; Missouri State Medical Association; and American Heart Association.