

SB 1187 -- STATE WATER PATROL

SPONSOR: Purgason (Pollock)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on State Parks and Waterways by a vote of 5 to 0.

This bill eliminates the limitation on the number of State Water Patrol sergeants, corporals, and patrolmen that the patrol may employ. Currently, it may not have more than 99 members.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that it is important not to limit the number of members on the State Water Patrol as increased needs and duties occur.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pollock for Senator Purgason; State Water Patrol; and Water Patrol Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.