

HCS HB 657 -- BOAT DOCKS

SPONSOR: Pollock (Cooper)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on State Parks and Waterways by a vote of 12 to 0.

Beginning January 1, 2010, this substitute requires a person owning a boat dock on a lake with at least 950 miles of shoreline or on a lake constructed or maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers with certain specified exceptions to display the appropriate 911 street address nearest to the dock by land. The substitute specifies how and where the address must be displayed. A person who fails to display the identifying information will be guilty of an infraction.

The infraction of abandoning a boat dock is changed to include all waters of the state, not just lakes with at least 950 miles of aggregate shoreline, and the fine for the infraction is removed.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of \$0 in FY 2010, \$0 or Unknown in FY 2011, and \$0 or Unknown in FY 2012. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will facilitate emergency staff response to an emergency, and the provisions regarding containers will help beautify the streams in the state.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cooper; and Water Patrol Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the provisions regarding posting 911 addresses will help officers and the general public and will make the waterways safer for the public.

Testifying on the bill was State Water Patrol.