

SB 674 -- MISSOURI CAPITOL COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Kehoe (Flanigan)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Standing Committee on Corrections by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill specifies that the Missouri State Capitol Commission has the sole authority to enter into contracts with vendors for the sale of items, food, and beverages for events held at the state capitol. The events must be limited to those commemorating the anniversaries of the state capitol and the state of Missouri. The bill also allows the Commissioner of Administration to have sole authority to enter into contracts for the sale of items, food, and beverages for events held at the Missouri State Penitentiary historic site. The Commissioner may authorize the vendor in a contract for services at the Missouri State Penitentiary historic site to subcontract all or a portion of the services. These provisions will expire on December 31, 2024.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that we are approaching the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the state capitol. The Missouri Capitol Commission is planning many activities and commemorative events at the capitol. This bill allows for the state to contract with vendors to sell food, beverages, and commemorative items at these events. The bill also allows this to be done in the Missouri State Prison; supporters feel this will help with tourism for Jefferson City.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Flanigan and Dana Miller, Missouri Capitol Commission.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that they are concerned about the sale of alcohol.

Testifying on the bill were the Missouri Family Network and Missouri Baptist Convention.