

HB 269 -- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON MOTORBOATS

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill requires every class 2 recreational motorboat operating upon the waters of this state to carry two B1 type fire extinguishers, one B2 fire extinguisher, or a fixed fire extinguishing system and one B1 type fire extinguisher. Currently, it is required to carry one B2 or two B1 type fire extinguishers.

PROponents: Supporters say that fixed fire extinguishers are safer and more efficient than smaller fire extinguishers because they have heat sensors that cause the extinguisher to go off and automatically shut down the motor boat. With smaller fire extinguishers, the hood of the motorboat must be lifted, and the fire grows once it hits the oxygen.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller and Kyle Kelly, Kelly's Port/Lake Ozark Marine Dealers Association.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.