

HB 2230 -- BOAT PASSENGERS

SPONSOR: Ross

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill exempts vessels propelled by outboard jet motors and vessels not originally manufactured with adequate guards or railing from the provisions prohibiting passengers from riding in certain areas of a boat.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this exemption is helpful because the watercraft operated on the rivers are often operated at a slower speed. Because of that, passengers are less likely to fall out of the boat.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Ross.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.