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HOUSE FILE 641  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 63)

Passed House, Date 3-15-05 Passed Senate, Date 4-14-05  
Vote: Ayes 98 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0  
Approved 4-22-05

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the determination of state regulatory fees on  
2 excursion gambling boats relating to the number of gaming  
3 enforcement officers on larger excursion gambling boats.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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7 regulatory fees the amount appropriated to the commission plus  
8 the cost of salaries for no more than two special agents for  
9 each excursion gambling boat and no more than four gaming  
10 enforcement officers for each excursion gambling boat with a  
11 patron capacity of less than two thousand persons or no more  
12 than five gaming enforcement officers for each excursion  
13 gambling boat with a patron capacity of at least two thousand  
14 persons, plus any direct and indirect support costs for the  
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16 investigation's excursion gambling boat activities, ~~as the~~  
17 ~~basis for determining the amount of revenue to be raised from~~  
18 ~~the license fees and regulatory fees.~~

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28 enforcement officers shall be used and this number is retained  
29 for excursion gambling boats with a patron capacity of less  
30 than 2,000.

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SENATE/HOUSE FILE 64  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY BILL)

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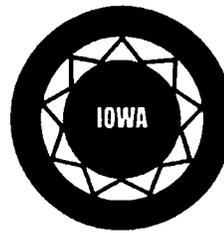
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**TO:** Members of the General Assembly  
**FROM:** Iowa Department of Public Safety  
**RE:** Riverboat Staffing  
**DATE:** January 10, 2005

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The Division of Criminal Investigation has been statutorily limited to 2 special agents and 4 gaming enforcement officers for each riverboat. The duties performed include both regulatory functions, such as inspection of games, surveillance system, background investigations, enforcement of Racing and Gaming Rules and Regulations, as well as criminal investigations arising from the gaming site. Routine responsibilities include monitoring the activity of patrons and employees and responding to criminal acts, including drunk or disorderly persons.

Riverboats currently operate an extended schedule, usually 24 hours a day, meaning that a gaming enforcement officer works alone in an environment often exceeding a couple of thousand individuals. To ensure the safety of officers and to better monitor the activities on these boats, the Department is proposing to authorize an increase in the staffing on riverboats that have a patron capacity of over 2,000 by adding one gaming enforcement officer per boat. The Director of the Division of Criminal Investigation has met with the officials who would be affected by this proposal (4 riverboats), who have indicated that they understand and support the need for this action to amend section 99F.10.

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF STATE REGULATORY FEES ON EXCURSION GAMBLING BOATS RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON LARGER EXCURSION GAMBLING BOATS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
Speaker of the House

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JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 641, Eighty-first General Assembly.

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MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 4/22/05, 2005

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor