Restricting the hotel occupancy tax exemption

HB 1584 by Wolens/Bivins

DIGEST: HB 1584 would have restricted an exemption from the hotel occupancy tax for residents who stay in a room for at least 30 consecutive days to those whose payments were uninterrupted during the 30-day period.

GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO: "The need for this legislation was eliminated by the passage of HB 651." (HB 651, signed by the governor on June 5, includes a provision that applies the same restriction to the hotel tax exemption.)

RESPONSE: Rep. Steve Wolens, author of HB 1584, said, "I would have vetoed it too. There's no reason to get West Publishing Company rich by publishing two laws that do the same thing. Vetoing this bill saves money and trees."

NOTES: HB 1584 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a *Daily Floor Report*. HB 651 was analyzed in the April 24 *Daily Floor Report*.