

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB444

Hearing Date: Monday March 04, 2013
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Require certification and presence of authorized personnel by retail liquor licensees

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Coash, Crawford, Johnson, Karpisek, Krist, Schilz
Nay:	1	Senator Bloomfield
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh

Proponents:

Sen. Bob Krist
Hobie Rupe
Brenda Worth
Matt Stinchfield
Jack Cheloha

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
self
Ploughshare Brewing Co., LLC
City of Omaha

Opponents:

Kathy Siefken
Mark Whitehead

Jim Moylan
Tad Fraizer

Representing:

Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store
Association
Nebraska Licensed Beverage Association
Updowntowners, Inc. d/b/a GOLincolnGO

Neutral:

Jim Cunningham

Representing:

Nebraska Catholic Conference

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 2(4) describes the application process to become certified by the Liquor Control Commission to work for a licensee for 3 years. There is an application form, which requires evidence of successful completion of an approved course and examination. The application fee is \$15.00.

Section 4(1) states that retail licensees have until November 1, 2014 to have all employees who are "engaged in the sale or service of alcohol, in management, or in security for licensed premises or to be in any other way responsible for verifying a customer's age . . ." certified by the Liquor Control Commission. The licensee shall keep a copy of all of the employees' certificates on the premises.

Section 4(2) states that employing a non-certified person could result in the suspension, cancellation, or revocation of his/her license.

Section 5 requires that there be an employee or authorized representative of the licensee who is at least 21 years old on

the premises at all times.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment delays the date for compliance for retail licensees from November 1, 2014 to November 1, 2015. The amendment only requires managers, rather than all employees, to be certified and removes the requirement in Section 5 that an employee or authorized representative of the licensee who is at least 21 years old be on the premises at all times.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson