

Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB330

Chairperson: Senator Tyson Larson

Committee: General Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2015

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 330 incorporates a number of proposals, many of which appeared in the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's Legislative letter such as granting the Liquor Control Commission clear jurisdiction over alcohol in power form, defining hard cider as beer instead of wine, to allow licensees 30 days for a late renewal, in situations when the establishment is within 150 feet of a church to only trigger a hearing if the effected church submits a written request for a hearing to the Liquor Control Commission, provides the Liquor Control Commission with the discretion to dispose of confiscated alcohol.

There are also several Liquor Control Act cleanups to modernize the Act including allowing retirement and nursing home facilities to apply for liquor licenses, eliminate an antiquated provision that allowed a wholesaler without a shipping license to import beer to be sold at retail in another state and that could then be returned to the wholesaler, and that the keg laws would apply to all kegs containing alcohol liquor and not just beer kegs.

There is a provision that was not included in the Liquor Control Commission's Legislative letter was to repeal the mandatory closing time statute. This would allow bars and restaurants to decide when to close. Finally, there is a Personnel Services Limitation for \$102,000 to help address the personnel needs of the Liquor Control Commission.

Principal Introducer: _____

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