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PURPOSE: In March 2020, as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 20-19, dated March 26, 2020, which temporarily waived certain restrictions in the Nebraska Liquor Control Act on alcohol sales by bars and restaurants holding Class C licenses. Specifically, the executive order waives the requirement, under Neb. Rev. Stat. 53-124(6)(a)(iii), that sales of alcohol for off-premises consumption be in the original packaging only. The executive order permits alcoholic beverages to be sold by bars and restaurants so long as the beverages are in containers sealed with a lid or other method of securing the product and are not partially consumed. The purpose of this study is to examine whether the law should be amended to make permanent this temporary waiver.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.