



**Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Committee Statement
LB 251**

Hearing Date: January 22, 2007
Committee On: General Affairs

Introducer(s): (Synowiecki)
Title: Eliminate a restriction on adding alcohol to beer

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

Yes	Senator(s): McDonald, Karpisek, Dierks, Dubas, Friend, Janssen, Preister
No	
Present, not voting	
Absent	Senator Erdman

Proponents:

Sen. John Synowiecki
Ted Powers

Representing:

Introducer
Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

Opponents:

Diane Riibe
Mary Doghman
Maya Doghman

Representing:

Project Extra Mile
Self
Self

Neutral:

Hobert Rupe

Representing:

Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 251 would have eliminated the state statute that prohibits the selling of beer mixed with alcohol and prohibits any person from mixing beer with alcohol while they are on the premises of a licensee.

Nebraska law, in §53-174, prohibits the selling or the offer for sale of beer to which alcohol has been added. It is also unlawful for a licensee to let other people add alcohol to beer on the licensee's premises. In other words, a bartender cannot sell beer and alcohol to a customer so that they may mix their own drinks.

Details

Section 1 amends §53-172, relating to labeling and sealing alcoholic liquor packages, by deleting a reference to §53-174, the statute that makes it unlawful to sell or offer for sale any beer to which has been added any alcohol or to permit any person to add any alcohol to any beer on the premises of such person or licensee.

Section 2 repeals the original §53-172.

Section 3 repeals outright §53-174.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Vickie McDonald, Chairperson