

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB287

Hearing Date: Monday March 02, 2009
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: General Affairs
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the definite profit of pickle cards

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Coash, Cook, Dierks, Dubas, Friend, Karpisek, Price, Rogert
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:	Representing:
Joshua Eickmeier	Introducer, General Affairs Committee
Jim Ritzman	Sowers Club of Lincoln
Tracy Refior	Sowers Club of Lincoln
Caren M. Barnes	UNMC College of Denistry
John Adams	International Gamco, Inc

Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 287 authorizes licensed organizations to use up to ten percent of the definite profit of a pickle card to pay for allowable expenses. Currently, only eight percent of the definite profit can be used for allowable expenses.

Legislative History

In 1988, the allowable expenses limitation was initially set at four percent. In 1989, the allowable expenses limitation was increased from four percent to six percent. In 1995, the allowable expense limitation was increased from six percent to eight percent.

Details

Page 3, Line 15 Strike "eight" and Add "ten".
Page 4, Line 23 Strike "eight" and Add "ten".
Page 5, Lines 5 Strike "eight-percent" and Add "ten-percent".
Page 5, Line 6 Strike "eight" and Add "ten".
Page 5, Lines 8-9 Strike "eight" and Add "ten".
Page 5, Line 13 Strike "eight" and Add "ten".
Page 7, Line 20 Strike "eight"and Add "ten".

History

In 1988, the sales agent's commission was established at three percent. In 1989, the allowable expense limitation was increased from four percent to six percent and the sales agent's commission was increased from three percent to four percent. In 1995, the allowable expense limitation was increased from six percent to eight percent, but the sales agent's commission remained unchanged. Therefore it has been 14 years since the allowable expense limitation was increased and 20 years since the sales agent's commission was increased.

Explanation of amendments:

Amendment

This amendment increases the sales agent's commission from four percent to six percent and increases the sales agent's commission from ten percent (LB 287) to twelve percent. The intent of LB 287 is to create a net gain of two percent for allowable expenses. Because the sales agent's commission comes out of allowable expenses, increasing the commission by two percent requires increasing the allowable expenses an additional two percent beyond what LB 287 would accomplish. Therefore, in order to raise the allowable expenses by a net gain of two percent and increase the sales agent's commission by two percent, it was necessary to raise the allowable expenses by a total of four percent (from eight percent to twelve percent).

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson