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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 605

Chairperson: Russ Karpisek
Committee: General Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 23, 2009

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

LB 605 would allow for additional weight to be given to support or opposition of businesses and residents within 500 feet and neighborhood associations within 100 feet of a liquor license application. The Liquor Control Commission may use this opposition as the sole reason for denial of a license. Implements aspects of Nebraska Supreme Court decision in Orchard Hill Neighborhood Association v. Orchard Hill Mercantile and Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, 274 Neb. 154 (2007).

LB 605 would terminate immediately any license upon the sale of the premises holding a license. The purchaser of the premises would be required to apply and obtain a new license in the purchaser's own name before selling alcohol. This would prohibit the use of Temporary Agency Agreements currently used by the Liquor Control Commission.

LB 605 prohibits the storage of alcohol in any retail business that does not hold a liquor license.

LB 605 requires applicants for a liquor license to show documentation that all federal, state, local and Workmen's Compensation taxes are current when applying for license.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Gwen Howard

