

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB311

Hearing Date: Monday January 24, 2011
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Karpisek
One Liner: Change penalties of out-of-state licensees under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bloomfield, Brasch, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, Larson, McGill, Schumacher

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Sen. Russ Karpisek
Hobie Rupe

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:
Under current law, a liquor licensee in violation of the Liquor Control Act may choose between paying a cash penalty or a suspension of their license. LB 311 would allow the Liquor Control Commission the discretion of requiring a fine for out-of-state licensees since enforcement of a suspended license poses unique challenges.

Basically, the issue is that there is no practical means for the Commission to verify if a licensee is actually closed for the duration of the suspension when that licensee is located outside of Nebraska.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson