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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1130

Chairperson: Senator Russ Karpisek

Committee: General Affairs

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

LB 1130 authorizes the creation of **entertainment districts** and the creation and issuing of **entertainment district licenses**.

An **entertainment district** would be designated and regulated by the local governing body via city ordinance and could be un-designated if the body finds it threatening or a nuisance to the health, safety or welfare to the public. Such designations would be filed with the Liquor Control Commission.

- Within the district would be a **commons area**, defined as: within an entertainment district designated by a local governing body; shared by authorized licensees with entertainment district licenses; abutting the licensed premises of such licensees; having limited pedestrian accessibility by use of a physical barrier, either on a permanent or temporary basis; and closed to vehicular traffic when used as a common area.

To operate in such commons areas, a license holder must apply for an **entertainment district license**. In order to obtain such license, the license holder must 1) already have a retail liquor license, a craft brewery license or a micro-distillery license; 2) be located adjacent to a commons area within an entertainment district and 3) file an application to the Liquor Control Commission and pay a \$300 license fee to the clerk of the local governing body. The local governing body may levee an occupation tax on such licensee.

Entertainment district licensees (EDL's) would operate according to the following restrictions:

- Only EDL's and their employees are allowed to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises within the confines of the commons area. Such consumption is only allowed during hours authorized for the sale of liquor and hours during which food service is available in the commons area.
- An EDL shall serve alcoholic liquor in containers which display the logo or trade name of the licensee.
- An EDL may allow alcohol sold by another EDL to enter the premises of either licensee; however, no EDL shall allow alcoholic liquor to leave the commons area or the premises licensed under its liquor license.

Violations of these restrictions, or any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to them, by an EDL may be cause to revoke, cancel, or suspend the entertainment district license, retail liquor license, craft brewery license, or micro-distillery license held by the violator.

Principal Introducer: _____

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