

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB748

Hearing Date: Monday February 01, 2016
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Lindstrom
One Liner: Change import provisions under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act as prescribed

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 5 Senators Schilz, McCollister, Larson, Hughes, Coash
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 3 Senators Hansen, Kolterman, Riepe

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Brett Lindstrom

Representing:
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Justin Brady
Hobert Rupe

Representing:
Nebraska Liquor Wholesalers
Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

With limited exceptions, the Liquor Control Act establishes a three-tier system, which requires alcoholic liquor entering the marketplace to go from the manufacturing tier to the retail tier through a distribution/wholesale tier. The three-tier system structure assists the Liquor Control Commission in the regulation and enforcement of the Act, and in the efficient and accurate collection of state excise tax. Under current law, an individual is limited to bringing nine liters of alcoholic liquor per month into the state. LB 748 changes it to an annual limit by allowing 108 liters in one calendar year, which is the equivalent to 9 liters per month for 12 months.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1935 amends LB 748 to allow someone to import alcohol for personal use from a holder of a retail direct sales shipping license or its equivalent up to 108 liters in one calendar year.

Tyson Larson, Chairperson