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LEGISLATIVE BILL 834

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Committee: General Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend
- 2 section 53-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to prohibit the
- 3 retail sale of alcohol at or below cost; to provide for damages,
- 4 attorney's fees, and civil penalties as prescribed; and to repeal
- 5 the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 53-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 53-101 Sections 53-101 to 53-1,122 <u>and sections 2 to 4 of this act</u>
- 4 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds that the retail sale of alcohol at or
- 6 <u>below the retail licensee's cost is anticompetitive and an unfair trade</u>
- 7 practice.
- 8 Sec. 3. No person holding a Class B or Class D retail license shall
- 9 knowingly sell alcoholic liquor at a price below the cost paid per bottle
- 10 by the retail licensee to the wholesale licensee plus any shipping or
- 11 <u>delivery charges paid by the retail licensee.</u>
- 12 Sec. 4. Any individual may bring a civil action to enforce section
- 13 <u>3 of this act. The action shall be brought in the district court of the</u>
- 14 county in which the licensed premises of the retailer alleged to have
- 15 violated such section is located. In addition to injunctive relief, if
- 16 the court finds that the plaintiff has been damaged thereby, it may award
- damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees.
- 18 Sec. 5. Original section 53-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015,
- 19 is repealed.