

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB591

Chairperson: Senator Tom Briese

Committee: General Affairs

Date of Hearing: March 18, 2019

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

LB591 would allow for the creation of alcohol impact zones in an area when requested by a city council, village board of trustees, or county board and approved by the Liquor Control Commission. A local authority as described must request an alcohol impact zone before one may be considered or created.

An alcohol impact zone is defined as a geographic area that is located within a city, a village, or the unincorporated areas of a county that is adversely affected by chronic public inebriation or illegal activity associated with the sales or consumption of alcoholic liquor.

If requested and approved, the Liquor Control Commission may place special conditions or restrictions on a licensee under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act having an establishment or otherwise conducting business within an alcohol impact zone to discourage chronic public inebriation or illegal activity associated with sales or consumption of alcoholic liquor. Such conditions or restrictions imposed must be reasonably linked to the problems associated with the described chronic public inebriation or illegal activity. LB591 sets out procedures for the creation, maintenance, modification and repeal of alcohol impact zones and gives the commission authority to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this bill.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Briese