

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1013

Hearing Date: Monday February 08, 2010
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Rogert
One Liner: Provide for extended closing time for alcoholic liquor retail licensees as prescribed

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Coash, Cook, Dubas, Karpisek, Krist, Price, Rogert
Nay: 1 Senator Dierks
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
Senator Ken Rogert
Ben Gray
Jim Moylan
Jim Otto
Kirsten R. Case Penrod

Frank Vance
Patrick Vondra

Representing:
Introducer
Omaha City Council #2
NE Licensed Beverage Association
NE Restaurant Association
Omaha Chamber & Greater Omaha Young Professionals
Self
Clancy's/Club Patricks

Opponents:
Margie Magnuson
Erin Baum

Representing:
Alcohol Impact Coalition
Project Extra Mile

Neutral:
Hobert Rupe

Representing:
NE Liquor Control Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1013 would allow a Class C or Class I liquor license holder to extend their hours of operation for the sale of lottery and alcohol to 2:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays, and 1:00 am Mondays through Fridays. For a Class C liquor license holder to be granted an Extended Closing Time Designation to operate until 2:00 am would require a \$300 application fee. For a Class I liquor license holder to be granted an Extended Closing Time Designation would require a \$200 application fee.

This extended hours of operation designation is only available to liquor license holders within a county which encompasses a metropolitan class city and the local governing body may establish an earlier closing time. Currently, Omaha is the only metropolitan class city and Douglas County is the only county which encompasses a metropolitan class city.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1996 to LB 1013 allows local governing bodies or county boards by a 60 percent vote to allow alcohol to be sold until 2 am. Alcoholic liquor may remain in open containers until 15 minutes after the closing hour as determined by the local governing body or county board.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson