

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB314

Hearing Date: Monday January 31, 2011
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Karpisek
One Liner: Provide an exception for wine retailers relating to certain sales practices

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bloomfield, Brasch, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, Larson, McGill, Schumacher

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Sen. Russ Karpisek
Hobie Rupe
Dan Matuszek

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
Owner/General Manager, Brix

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby: LB 314 would allow a licensed retailer to issue wine tasting cards. Under current law, wine tasting cards may violate the Liquor Control Act as a form of "passbooking," which was the practice of a customer handing a retailer his/her paycheck and then drinking until the check was spent. The practice of "passbooking" could continue for days or even longer.

The Liquor Control Commission recommended this change to the Liquor Control Act to address the concerns of licensees wanting to do wine tastings through a prepaid card system.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson