ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB824

Hearing Date: Monday February 13, 2012
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Karpisek
One Liner: Define "flavored malt beverage" under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	8	Senators Bloomfield, Brasch, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, Lambert, Larson, McGill
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:	**Representing:**
Sen. Russ Karpisek	Introducer
Hobert Rupe	Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
Justin Brady	Nebraska Liquor Wholesalers Association
Mick Mines	Mark Anthony Brands; DIAGEO
Kathy Siefken	Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Joe Kohout	Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska
Mark Whitehead	Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Jim Moylan	Nebraska Licensed Beverages Association
Jim Otto	Nebraska Retail Federation

Opponents:	**Representing:**
Diane Riibe	Project Extra Mile

Neutral:	**Representing:**

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 824 adds to the Liquor Control Act a definition for Flavored Malt Beverage. Flavored malt beverage means a beer that derives not more than forty-nine percent of its total alcohol content from flavors or flavorings containing alcohol obtained by distillation. This definition mirrors the federal definition for Flavored Malt Beverage.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2080 adds the provisions of LB781 to the bill. LB781 advanced from committee on an 8-0 vote.

Testifiers for LB781:

Proponents:
Sen. Jim Smith, Introducer

Hobert Rupe, Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

Opponents:

Neutral:

Summary of LB781:
Currently, State excise tax is due when alcohol is considered finished or ready for sale, while the federal excise tax is due when the product is shipped (removed from bonded location). The timing of when the State excise tax is due creates a disincentive to produce and warehouse alcohol. LB 781 harmonizes the State's trigger for when the excise tax is due with the existing federal trigger.

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Russ Karpisek, Chairperson