

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 221—ASSEMBLYMEN OCEGUERA, MANENDO, LESLIE, PARKS, ANDERSON, ANGLE, BUCKLEY, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GERHARDT, HOGAN, HORNE, MUNFORD AND PIERCE

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to sale and disposition of intoxicating liquor. (BDR 20-270)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to intoxicating liquor; requiring that certain persons employed at certain establishments where alcoholic beverages are sold must successfully complete a program of training relating to alcoholic beverages; requiring the Department of Taxation to impose administrative fines upon the owners or operators of certain establishments for certain violations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under local ordinances adopted by certain counties and cities, persons who serve, sell or distribute alcoholic beverages must complete an alcohol awareness training course. (Clark County Code § 8.20.055, Las Vegas Municipal Code § 6.5.520, North Las Vegas Municipal Code § 5.26.520)

This bill requires by state statute that employees of certain establishments which sell alcoholic beverages complete an alcoholic beverage awareness program certified by the Commission on Postsecondary Education. This requirement is phased in over the next several years. This bill requires the owner or operator of such an establishment to ensure that by July 1, 2006, at least one employee who has successfully completed the program is on the premises during the hours that the establishment is open for business. In addition, after January 1, 2008, this bill requires that every employee of such an establishment who sells or serves alcoholic beverages or performs the duties of a security guard must successfully complete an alcoholic beverage awareness program certified by the Commission within 30 days after employment. This bill prohibits any other agency, board, commission, local government or other political subdivision of this State from adopting any additional



requirements or standards for the education of persons employed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at such an establishment. This bill defines an "establishment" subject to the provisions of the bill as a business that sells alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises or that sells alcoholic beverages in corked or sealed containers for consumption off the premises. Wholesale liquor distributors and private clubs and other facilities that are not open to the public are not included in the definition.

Existing law establishes the authority of county liquor boards and incorporated cities to regulate and license the sale of intoxicating liquor. (NRS 244.350, 268.090) Existing law authorizes an incorporated city to fix, impose and collect a license tax on the sale of beer, wines or other alcoholic beverages and requires the Department of Taxation to administer and enforce laws related to the importation and sale of intoxicating liquors. (NRS 268.090, 369.150) Existing law also requires sheriffs and police officers to assist in the enforcement of the licensing and tax laws related to intoxicating liquor. (NRS 369.540)

This bill authorizes a county liquor board or incorporated city to deny a license to, or refuse to renew the license of, an owner or operator of an establishment who has willfully violated the provisions of this bill more than three times during any 24-month period. The Department of Taxation is also required to impose an administrative fine against an owner or operator for violating the provisions of this bill. This bill further provides that a law enforcement agency whose officer discovers a violation of the provisions of this bill is required to report the violation to the Department of Taxation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 244.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.350 1. The board of county commissioners, and in a county whose population is less than 400,000, the sheriff of that county constitute a liquor board. The liquor board may, without further compensation, grant or refuse liquor licenses, and revoke those licenses whenever there is, in the judgment of a majority of the board, sufficient reason for revocation. The board shall elect a chairman from among its members.

2. The liquor board in each of the several counties shall enact ordinances:

(a) Regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors in their respective counties.

(b) Fixing the hours of each day during which liquor may be sold or disposed of.

(c) Prescribing the conditions under which liquor may be sold or disposed of.

(d) Prohibiting the employment or service of minors in the sale or disposition of liquor.

(e) Prohibiting the sale or disposition of liquor in places where, in the judgment of the board, the sale or disposition may tend to



1 create or constitute a public nuisance, or where by the sale or
2 disposition of liquor a disorderly house or place is maintained.

3 3. In a county whose population is 400,000 or more, the liquor
4 board shall refer any petition for a liquor license to the metropolitan
5 police department. The department shall conduct an investigation
6 relating to the petition and report its findings to the liquor board at
7 the next regular meeting of the board.

8 4. All liquor dealers within any incorporated city are exempt
9 from the effect of this section, and are to be regulated only by the
10 government of that city.

11 5. *The liquor board may deny or refuse to renew the license*
12 *of a person who has willfully violated the provisions of section 9 of*
13 *this act more than three times in any 24-month period.*

14 6. The liquor board shall not deny a license to a person solely
15 because he is not a citizen of the United States.

16 Sec. 2. NRS 268.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 268.090 1. In addition to any authority or power now
18 provided by the charter of any incorporated city in this State,
19 whether incorporated by general or special act, or otherwise, there is
20 hereby granted to each of the cities incorporated under any law of
21 this State the power and authority to fix, impose and collect a
22 license tax on, and regulate the sale of, beer, wines or other
23 beverages now or hereafter authorized to be sold by act of Congress.

24 2. *An incorporated city may deny or refuse to renew the*
25 *license of a person who has willfully violated the provisions of*
26 *section 9 of this act more than three times in any 24-month period.*

27 3. An incorporated city shall not deny a license to a person
28 solely because he is not a citizen of the United States.

29 Sec. 3. Chapter 369 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
30 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4 to 11, inclusive, of this
31 act.

32 Sec. 4. *As used in sections 4 to 11, inclusive, of this act,*
33 *unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined*
34 *in sections 5 to 8, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed*
35 *to them in those sections.*

36 Sec. 5. *“Alcoholic beverage” has the meaning ascribed to it*
37 *in NRS 202.015.*

38 Sec. 6. *“Alcoholic beverage awareness program” means a*
39 *program designed to educate persons who sell or serve alcoholic*
40 *beverages or perform the duties of a security guard at an*
41 *establishment.*

42 Sec. 7. *“Commission” means the Commission on*
43 *Postsecondary Education created by NRS 394.383.*

44 Sec. 8. 1. *“Establishment” means a business that:*



1 (a) Sells alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on
2 the premises; or

3 (b) Sells alcoholic beverages in corked or sealed containers or
4 receptacles for consumption off the premises.

5 2. The term includes, without limitation, a retail liquor store.

6 3. The term does not include:

7 (a) A wholesale dealer; or

8 (b) A private club or other facility not in fact open to the
9 public.

10 Sec. 9. 1. On and after July 1, 2006, a person who owns or
11 operates an establishment shall ensure that at least one employee
12 who has successfully completed an alcoholic beverage awareness
13 program certified by the Commission pursuant to section 10 of this
14 act is on the premises during the hours the establishment is open
15 for business.

16 2. On and after January 1, 2008, a person who owns or
17 operates an establishment shall not employ or continue to employ
18 a person to sell or serve alcoholic beverages or perform the duties
19 of a security guard at the establishment unless the person has
20 successfully completed an alcoholic beverage awareness program
21 certified by the Commission pursuant to section 10 of this act
22 within 30 days after the employee is employed to sell or serve
23 alcoholic beverages or perform the duties of a security guard.

24 3. The Department shall impose upon an owner or operator
25 of an establishment who violates any of the provisions of this
26 section an administrative fine of not more than:

27 (a) For the first violation within a 24-month period, \$500.

28 (b) For the second violation within a 24-month period, \$1,000.

29 (c) For the third and any subsequent violation within a
30 24-month period, \$5,000.

31 4. Any money collected by the Department from fines
32 pursuant to subsection 3 must be deposited with the State
33 Treasurer for credit to the Fund for the Compensation of Victims
34 of Crime created by NRS 217.260.

35 5. Any law enforcement agency whose officer discovers a
36 violation of this section shall report the violation to the
37 Department.

38 Sec. 10. 1. The Commission shall, in cooperation with state
39 and local law enforcement agencies, develop a curriculum for an
40 alcoholic beverage awareness program.

41 2. The curriculum described in subsection 1:

42 (a) Must consist of not fewer than 2 hours of instruction; and

43 (b) Must include, without limitation, instruction on the
44 following topics:

45 (1) The clinical effects of alcohol on the human body;



- 1 (2) *Methods of identifying intoxicated persons;*
2 (3) *Relevant provisions of state and local laws concerning*
3 *the selling and serving of alcoholic beverages;*
4 (4) *Methods of preventing and halting fights, acts of affray*
5 *and other disturbances of the peace; and*
6 (5) *Methods of preventing:*
7 (I) *The entry of minors into establishments in which*
8 *minors are prohibited from loitering pursuant to NRS 202.030;*
9 (II) *The purchase, consumption and possession of*
10 *alcoholic beverages by minors as prohibited pursuant to NRS*
11 *202.020, including, without limitation, the recognition of altered*
12 *or falsified forms of identification; and*
13 (III) *The selling and furnishing of alcoholic beverages*
14 *to minors as prohibited pursuant to NRS 202.055.*
15 3. *The Administrator of the Commission may certify an*
16 *alcoholic beverage awareness program if the Administrator*
17 *determines that:*
18 (a) *The program meets the curricular requirements set forth in*
19 *subsection 2; and*
20 (b) *The persons who will serve as instructors for the program*
21 *are competent and qualified to provide instruction in the*
22 *curriculum of the program.*
23 4. *The Commission shall adopt such regulations:*
24 (a) *As the Commission determines to be necessary or advisable*
25 *to carry out the provisions of this section; and*
26 (b) *As are necessary to ensure that a person who successfully*
27 *completes an alcoholic beverage awareness program certified*
28 *pursuant to this section receives a card which certifies that the*
29 *person has successfully completed that program.*
30 5. *As used in this section, "minor" means a person who is*
31 *under 21 years of age.*
32 **Sec. 11.** *Except as otherwise provided in sections 4 to 11,*
33 *inclusive, of this act, no agency, board, commission, local*
34 *government or other political subdivision of this State may adopt*
35 *any requirements or standards for the education of persons*
36 *employed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at an establishment.*



