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Dakota Craft Brewing Community since 2013**

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Testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 2363

Chairman Louser and Members of the Committee:

I'm Scott Meske, representing the North Dakota Brewers Guild and on behalf of the membership we respectfully ask for your support for Senate Bill 2363. The bill before you fixes an oversight from the 2021 Session HB 1184, which revised Century Code to allow minors into alcohol beverage establishments.

Minors are now allowed into alcohol beverage establishments that have a kitchen or restaurant component with three conditions, and at the owner's discretion:

- They are not allowed within three feet of the bar itself where alcohol is served
- They must be with their parents or legal guardian
- They are not permitted after 10 pm.

Taprooms, by definition, do NOT have a restaurant or kitchen component to their business. They are allowed to only serve alcohol that is produced on site. We have ten taprooms licensed in North Dakota. Some of them are physically attached to a food establishment, however are legally separated by license or ownership.

We are asking that taprooms be included in the Century Code to allow minors, under the same requirements as other alcohol beverage establishments.



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The sponsor of the bill worked with the Senate Industry and Business Committee to include a fair food component to this provision, and the Guild is comfortable with this version as passed by the Senate 47-0.

The North Dakota Brewers Guild respectfully requests a DO PASS on SB 2363.

