

2009 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1500

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 1500

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: February 4, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 8641

Committee Clerk Signature

Ellen Letane

Chairman Keiser: Opened the hearing on HB 1500 relating to individuals under twenty-one years of age serving alcoholic beverages.

Shirley Meyer~Representative from District 36. There is a simple correction on page two. We are short of help in the food industry. The one labor force we do have is the when you graduate from High School and you are waiting to go to college and you are 18 years old. The bar and restaurant owners will hire you, however you get in there and they cannot serve alcohol. Asked owner how to fix this problem, drop it to age 18. I asked why was it 19 to start with. Basically the problem was when they come to the legislature before; they thought the 18 years olds would drink the drink before it came to the table. I thought, you have to be kidding me. This would be a simple change.

Chairman Keiser: Do you happen to know at what age an individual can enlist in the military without parent's approval.

Rudie Martinson ~ North Dakota Hospitality Association. We are also in favor of HB 1500.

This shortage is state wide, not just western North Dakota. Under current law, when 19 serve drinks, this is only in a restaurant, not a bar. The 21 year old has to dispense the alcohol, but the 19 years carries it to the table. They have to be supervised by someone who is over 21 years of age. We don't see a huge difference between 18 & 19 year olds.

Representative Nottestad: The only concern I have is the High School students working the hours of that type of thing. What that taken under consideration by your organization?

Martinson: A lot of times it doesn't make sense to hire a high school student. As an association, are going to do what's best for their business.

Representative Nottestad: But they would be permitted (inaudible)?

Martinson: Yes.

Chairman Keiser: Is there anyone in opposition to HB 1500, neutral? What are the wishes of the committee?

Representative N Johnson: Do Pass.

Representative Boe: Second.

Date: Feb 4 - 2009
Roll Call Vote # 1

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1500

House House, Business & Labor Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ As Amended

Motion Made By N Johnson Seconded By Boe

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	✓		Representative Amerman	✓	
Vice Chairman Kasper	✓		Representative Boe	✓	
Representative Clark	✓		Representative Gruchalla	✓	
Representative N Johnson	✓		Representative Schneider	✓	
Representative Nottestad	✓		Representative Thorpe	✓	
Representative Ruby	✓				
Representative Sukut	✓				
Representative Vigasaa	✓	✓			

Total (Yes) 12 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sukut

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1500: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1500
was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2009 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1500

2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 1500

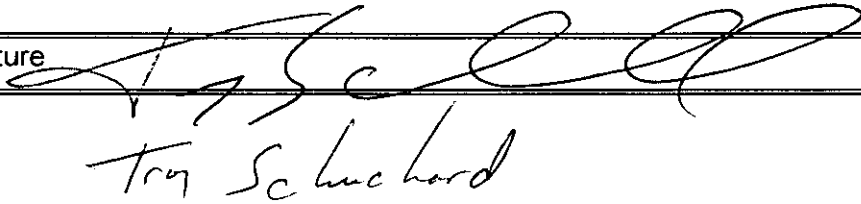
Senate Industry, Business, and Labor Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: March 9, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 10497

Committee Clerk Signature



Troy Schuchard

Minutes:

Chairman Klein: Opened the hearing on HB 1500, all members present.

Shirley Meyer: Representative District 36 introduced HB 1500 and is very simple, dropping the age requirement of an individual who can carry alcoholic beverages to the table and its' guests from 19 to the age of 18. The reason this bill came about is because in western North Dakota where we have anyone that can work is working in the oil fields. We are very short of help and what we are running into in some of the establishments is this requirement of age 19.

Chairman Klein: We are letting 19 year olds do this now, and you are asking to have 18 year olds deliver drinks to the table.

Shirley Meyer: Yes. When I first visited with my constituent about this, his concern was the 18 year old would be sipping drink. My reaction was you would have the same reaction if you caught them eating a French fry or hamburger on the way to the table.

Senator Behm: 18 year old now is just as mature as 19 year olds a couple of years ago.

Shirley Meyer: That was my thought and if you have employees sipping drinks on the way to the table, you would obviously have other issues to attend to.

Senator Horne: This situation is where the restaurant has a wall across from the bar. So I can go to the restaurant and order the drink and an 18 year old can go to the bar and bring it to the restaurant side. Is that how this would work?

Shirley Meyer: That is correct. Right now with state law a 18 year old can come to your table on the restaurant side and take your drink order, takes it to the bar and has the drink order filled. The problem is that this 18 year old server cannot bring the drink to the table; they have to wait for someone 19 or older to bring that drink out.

Rudy Martinson: North Dakota Hospitality Association testified in support of HB 1500. This bill would help the staffing issue statewide, not just in western North Dakota. The bill does not alter the protections 19 year olds currently have in place.

Chairman Klein: Closed the hearing on HB 1500

Senator Wanzek: Motion for a Do Pass on HB 1500

Senator Horne: Seconded

Chairman Klein: Motion for a Do Pass is approved 7-0, Senator Behm to carry

Date: 3/9
Roll Call Vote #: 1

Senate

Industry, Business and Labor

Legislative Council Amendment Number

☒ **Pass**

☐ **Do Not Pass**

☐ **Amended**

Motion Made By Senator Wanzek Seconded By Senator Horne

[illegible]

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 6

Floor Assignment Senator Behm

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 9, 2009 4:20 p.m.

Module No: SR-42-4390
Carrier: Behm
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1500: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Klein, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1500 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.