

House Industry Business and Labor Committee

HB 1335

January 18, 2023

Good Morning Chairman Louser and committee members:

For the record my name is Rep. Alisa Mitskog, I represent District 25-Wahpeton. I am the prime sponsor of HB 1335.

HB 1335 is a simple bill that proposes to amend Section 5-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code to allow for the sale of off sale alcohol on Thanksgiving Day. This request came from a constituent business in my community.

Currently, the only restriction for the sale of off sale liquor is on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Interestingly, off sale liquor can be sold on Easter but not on Thanksgiving.

By comparison, 40 states including South Dakota allow for the sale of off alcohol on Thanksgiving Day.

An off sale liquor business could choose to be open or closed on this day if this bill passes. In my opinion, this should be an individual business decision.

I appreciate your consideration of this constituent business requested bill.

Thank you.