

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB145

Bill as
Introduced

SB 145 - AS INTRODUCED

2015 SESSION

15-0313
08/03

SENATE BILL **145**

AN ACT relative to wine consumed at cocktail lounges.

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COMMITTEE: Commerce

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
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Senator Russell Prescott Chairman
 Senator Jeb Bradley V Chairman
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 Senator David Pierce

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Bill Status

Docket

Calendar

Proof: Calendar Bill Status

Date: March 4, 2015

HEARINGS

Tuesday

3/17/2015

COMMERCE

SH 100

1:00 PM

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

1:00 PM	SB145	relative to wine consumed at cocktail lounges.
1:20 PM	SB189	relative to liquor manufacturers.
1:40 PM	SB158	relative to notice required prior to foreclosure.
2:00 PM	SB111	making changes to the life and health insurance guaranty association.
2:20 PM	SB100	relative to home heating fuel deliveries in the winter.

Sponsors:

SB145

Sen. David Boutin

Sen. Chuck Morse

Sen. Kevin Avarad

Sen. John Reagan

Sen. Sharon Carson

Sen. Nancy Stiles

Sen. Bette Lasky

Sen. David Watters

SB189

Sen. Jeb Bradley

Rep. Frederick Rice

Rep. Naida Kaen

Sen. Donna Soucy

Rep. John Hunt

SB158

Sen. David Pierce

Sen. Martha Fuller Clark

Sen. Dan Feltes

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Rep. David Luneau

Sen. Gary Daniels

Rep. Steven Smith

Rep. Geoffrey Hirsch

Rep. Mel Myler

Sen. David Watters

Sen. Russell Prescott

Patrick Murphy 271-8631

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Chairman

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Patrick Murphy, Legislative Aide

SB 145 Relative to wine consumed at cocktail lounges.

Hearing Date: March 17, 2015

Time Opened: 1:04 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:11 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present:

Senator Prescott, Senator Bradley, Senator Cataldo, Senator Soucy, Senator Pierce

Members of the Committee Absent: Senator Soucy

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Who supports the bill: Sen. Boutin, Dist 16; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Morse, Dist 22; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Paul K. Foury, Manchester Country Club; Henry Veilleux, NH Lodging & Restaurant Association; Commissioner Joseph Mollica, NH Liquor Commission

Who opposes the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Sen. Boutin, Dist 16

- Full service restaurants can ask the NH Liquor Commission, and be approved to serve table wine and store the bottle on premises as long as the customer is eating a full service meal. The bottle belongs to the customer and they pay the restaurant a corking fee. Current law only applies to full service restaurants.
- This bill extends that policy to country clubs that provide full service meals.
- This is a simple pro-business bill.

Commissioner Joseph Mollica, NH Liquor Commission

- This bill extends a provision that already exists, agrees with the prime sponsor. This is done in several states. There are 18 control states and many have this provision. This will not be a problem to enforce.

Paul K. Foury, Manchester Country Club

- Supports the bill, we can comply with the law and we just want to offer this service to our customers.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Fiscal Note: None

Future Action: Ought to pass by a vote of 5-0, added to the consent calendar. Senator Prescott for the Committee.

Speakers

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Date: March 19, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred Senate Bill 145

AN ACT relative to wine consumed at cocktail lounges.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # {Type 4-digits here}s

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 5-0

Senator Russell Prescott
For the Committee

Current law only allows full service restaurant licensees to charge a fee for consumption of privately owned table wine that is stored on the premises and consumed with the purchase of a full-course meal. This bill extends this opportunity to cocktail lounges that serve a full-course meal and receive permission from the New Hampshire Liquor Commission.

Patrick Murphy 271-8631

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

Docket of SB145

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to wine consumed at cocktail lounges.*Official Docket of SB145:*

Date	Body	Description
1/8/2015	S	Introduced and Referred to Commerce; SJ 4
3/4/2015	S	Hearing: 3/17/15, Room 100, SH, 1:00 p.m.; SC12
3/19/2015	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 3/26/15; Vote 5-0; CC; SC14
3/26/2015	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 10
3/31/2015	H	Introduced and Referred to Commerce and Consumer Affairs (in recess of 3/25/2015); HJ 28 , PG. 1299
4/1/2015	H	Public Hearing: 4/7/2015 11:30 AM LOB 302
4/7/2015	H	Subcommittee Work Session: 4/14/2015 10:00 AM LOB 302
5/6/2015	H	Executive Session: 5/12/2015 1:15 PM LOB 302
5/14/2015	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass for Jun 3 (Vote 19-0; CC); HC 39 , PG. 1629
6/3/2015	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV
6/24/2015	H	Enrolled
6/24/2015	S	Enrolled (In recess 6/24/2015); SJ 19

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

SB 145 ORIGINAL REFERRAL

RE-REFERRAL

1. THIS INVENTORY IS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMMITTEE AIDE AND PLACED INSIDE THE FOLDER AS THE FIRST ITEM IN THE COMMITTEE FILE.
2. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE FOLDER FOLLOWING THE INVENTORY IN THE ORDER LISTED.
3. THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE AN "X" BESIDE THEM ARE CONFIRMED AS BEING IN THE FOLDER.
4. THE COMPLETED FILE IS THEN DELIVERED TO THE CALENDAR CLERK.

- DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)
- COMMITTEE REPORT
- CALENDAR NOTICE
- HEARING REPORT
- HANDOUTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING
- PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS
- SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

___ - AMENDMENT # ___ ___ - AMENDMENT # ___
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ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

AS INTRODUCED ___ AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE
 FINAL VERSION ___ AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

- OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes): _____

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK 8-19-15


BY COMMITTEE AIDE