

HB 1285 -- INTOXICATING LIQUOR

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill adds powdered alcohol to the definition of intoxicating liquor used in state liquor control laws.

This bill is similar to HB 65 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that powdered alcohol is a public health concern. Particularly, smaller children's safety is a concern. Powdered alcohol is a flammable substance that can cause alcohol poisoning. The cases of alcohol poisoning related to powdered alcohol have increased over the years. Supporters testified that powdered alcohol is easy to conceal and typically delivered through body cavities or smuggled through a purse.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pike; Polsinelli Law Firm; Missouri School Counselor Association; Missouri State Teachers Association; Missouri College of Emergency Physicians; and Missouri State Alliance Of YMCAs.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.