

HB 1340 -- DONATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

SPONSOR: Myers

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

Currently, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and unlicensed persons may donate wine to a charitable or religious organization or educational institution for the sole purpose of being auctioned for fund-raising purposes under certain circumstances.

This bill adds beer, malt liquor, or spirits to the list of alcohol-based beverages that may be donated and allows the donated items to also be raffled.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that currently, only wine can be auctioned or raffled off at certain organizations. But, since most of these organizations are in the nonprofit sector, they nevertheless auction or raffle off wine prizes without realizing that they are in violation of the law.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Myers; Missouri Licensed Beverage Retailers Association; Arnie Dienoff; and Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits LLC.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.