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Chairman Brunk and Members of the Federal & State Affairs Committee:

House Bill 2774 would allow Veterans Clubs containing a "Class A" license to be exempt from restricting the public to enter their clubs during a fundraising event.

This bill would allow Veterans Clubs to have fundraising events and allow the public to attend. Many of these clubs were built in the 1950's and 1960's, and the bar area was not built as a separate area. My local V.F.W. was having a breakfast to fund their utility bills, and was fined because the public was invited to attend the function. The bar was not open, but because the public walked in the front door and subsequently by the bar, they were in violation of the law.

These clubs are having a difficult time staying open for our Veterans. I believe this is a small way in which we can help. I ask each of you to support this bill.

Thank you for allowing me this time.

Representative Bill Feuerborn
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House Federal and State Affairs Committee
Testimony on

Chair Brunk and Representatives of the Committee,

I am Philip Bradley representing the Kansas Licensed Beverage Assn., the men and women, in the hospitality industry, who own, manage and work in Kansas bars, breweries, clubs, caterers, hotels and restaurants where beverage alcohol is served. These are the over 3000 places you frequent, enjoy and the tens of thousands of employees that are glad to serve you. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

We are not opposed to allowing these clubs to raise money, we just ask this committee to consider the question of the definition of fund raising and the functional difference between this license and other on-premise licenses as used in this bill on pg. 1, lines 13 & 14;

"... and to members of the public during fund raising events of such veterans' organization.

Are there sufficient limits on type of "fund raising events"? Could they occur every day/night? Would such a definition allow regular open public events? What is the difference from a DE license? Such distinctions are necessary to know what license an establishment should have and what practices are allowed. This is a very important issue to our members.

I realize that you are not re-addressing the comprehensive issue of all on-premise licenses so I will not expand in that area other than to ask that if you do now or in the future, to please be allowed to offer you further current information.

We again

I am available for your questions. Thank you for your time.

Philip B. Bradley, Ph.D.

The difficulty in life is the choice

The Bending of the Bough, Act IV

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