

# KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF BEVERAGE RETAILERS



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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding SB 299, creating a new license category for Public Venues. The Kansas Association of Beverage Retailers is neutral on the proposed bill.

Please consider addressing the following concern:

The language of New Section 1 (6) on page 1 sets up a new standard for allowing the return of liquor and beer to the retailer or distributor:

(6) with the approval of the retailer or distributor, return for a full refund of the original purchase price unopened containers of alcoholic liquor to the retailer or distributor from whom such items were purchased upon the conclusion of an event if the next scheduled event for that premises is more than 90 days from the date of the concluded event.

This policy is inconsistent with the current law that is applied to returns from clubs or drinking establishments or anyone else and inconsistent with the proposed amendment to SB 274 for temporary licensees.

KABR respectfully recommends that these licensees along with the temporary licensees be added to the list of licensees regulated under K.S.A. 41-728 or recommend new policy that would include the following:

1. Limited time period for returns to allow reusable product to be immediately marketed. Please note that beer is date marked and 30 days is very long.
2. Policy consistent with current law that requires the manufacturer or distributor to order the return thus insuring that the return relates to quality or emergency issues and not simply a case of overestimating the success of their scheduled event.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

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