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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Brunk
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: February 17, 2015

Subject: HB 2208 – Prohibition on sales of powdered alcohol.

House Bill No. 2208 prohibits the sale and service of powdered alcohol. Powdered alcohol is defined in the bill as “alcohol that is prepared in a powdered or crystal form for either direct use or for reconstitution in a nonalcoholic liquid.” Powdered alcohol is generally manufactured in two forms: for industrial use; and for consumption by humans. HB 2208 pertains to the latter form, which is a dry powder that is added to a liquid. Through a chemical process the liquid then becomes an alcoholic drink.

Under the bill, the Club and Drinking Establishment Act is amended to prohibit all licensees under that act from selling or serving any form of powdered alcohol. This includes both its dry, powder form, and in a liquid form where the licensee has already mixed the powder with a liquid.

If enacted these amendments would become effective on July 1, 2015.