

SB2745



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/12/2024, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

235 ILCS 5/6-24a

from Ch. 43, par. 139a

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. In a provision requiring retail licensees to post a sign with a specified message concerning the risk of birth defects, removes a provision directing individuals who need assistance for substance abuse to call the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. Provides that the sign shall be no less than (instead of no larger than) 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning liquor.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by
5 changing Section 6-24a as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/6-24a) (from Ch. 43, par. 139a)

7 Sec. 6-24a. Display of birth defects warning signs.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that there is a need for
9 public information about the risk of birth defects
10 (specifically Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) when women consume
11 alcoholic liquor during pregnancy. The United States Surgeon
12 General has recommended abstinence from alcohol during
13 pregnancy. Since Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and fetal alcohol
14 effects are preventable, the General Assembly finds that it is
15 in the public interest to provide warning about the risk of
16 alcohol-related birth defects at places where alcoholic
17 liquors are sold.

18 (b) Every holder of a retail license, whether the licensee
19 sells or offers for sale alcoholic liquors for use or
20 consumption on or off the retail license premises, shall cause
21 a sign with the message "GOVERNMENT WARNING: ACCORDING TO THE
22 SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
23 DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. ~~IF YOU~~

1 ~~NEED ASSISTANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF~~
2 ~~ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (OASA) AT 1-800-843-6154."~~ to
3 be framed and hung in plain view. These signs shall be no less
4 ~~larger~~ than 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches.

5 (c) In the event there is no warning sign posted on the
6 retailer's premises, it shall be the responsibility of the
7 Illinois Liquor Control Commission to furnish the retailer
8 with a warning sign. The retailer shall have 30 days from
9 receipt of the warning sign to post it on the licensed
10 premises. Thereafter, a retailer who violates this Section is
11 subject to a written warning for the first violation. For a
12 second or subsequent violation, the retailer shall pay a fine
13 of at least \$20 but not more than \$100 for each such violation.
14 For the third and subsequent violations, each day the activity
15 continues shall be a separate violation.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-387, eff. 1-1-10.)