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2026 Legislative Bill Tracking

Bill #	Sponsor(s)	Description	Bill Status	Additional Information
LB790	Bosn *Judiciary*	Change sanctions available for substance abuse violations of parole	*Hearing 1/23/26*	Allows parole officers to administer sanctions if they have reasonable cause to believe that a parolee has committed or is about to commit a substance abuse violation while on parole.
LB856* *Support*	McKinney *Revenue*	Adopt the Community Reinvestment and Equity Act, establish an excise tax, and create a fund and a grant program	*Hearing 2/18/26*	• Creates the Community Reinvestment and Equity Act which imposes a 5% geographically targeted community reinvestment excise tax to support health and safety on covered businesses operating in qualified census tracts. • Defines covered businesses as gas stations, convenience stores, or package liquor stores that sell alcoholic liquor, tobacco products, or cigarettes for off-premises consumption. • Qualified census tracts are found in the following counties: Adams, Buffalo, Douglas, Gage, Hooker, Jefferson, Lancaster, Sarpy, and Scotts Bluff. Click here for more details. • Proceeds of the tax are designated for federally qualified health centers, homeless services, re-entry housing, healthy food access, childcare, and community development initiatives. • Creates the Community Reinvestment Fund to be used for grants for: childcare, early childhood development, community development initiatives, healthcare, healthy food access, homeless services, and re-entry housing.
LB1004* *Oppose*	Clouse *General Affairs*	Change the regulation of nonalcoholic beer under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*General File 2/25/26*	Indicates that beer, wine, and spirits are one-half of one percent or more alcohol by volume to match the federal definition. Removes 'near beer' from the definition of beer and specifies that beer does not include nonalcoholic beer. Prohibits persons from selling or furnishing these products to minors, however it does NOT prohibit possession or consumption by minors. Does NOT establish penalties for selling/furnishing to minors. AM 2112 – • Defines that beer does not include nonalcoholic beer; • Defines nonalcoholic drinks as nonalcoholic beer, nonalcoholic wine, and nonalcoholic spirits;

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				• Sets the penalty for the sale, procurement, or delivery of nonalcoholic drinks to minors as a Class IV misdemeanor • Adds nonalcoholic beverages to the co-branding statutes, making it illegal for retailers to place non-alcoholic beverages, or ads for them, adjacent to soft drinks, juices, water, candy, or snacks portraying cartoons or youth-oriented images
LB1085	Clouse *General Affairs*	Change provisions relating to retail, bottle club, craft brewery, and microdistillery licenses, Nebraska Liquor Control Commission powers and duties, and penalties for violations under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*Portions amended into LB1235 as AM2178 3/4/26*	• Clarifies that bottle clubs aren't only for the express purpose of consuming alcoholic liquor. • Requires the Liquor Control Commission to consider 1) evidence submitted by the applicant that the local governing body acted arbitrarily and capriciously when recommending denial, and 2) whether the applicant or its entities are delinquent on any federal, state, or local taxes. • Increases penalties for selling alcoholic liquor at retail without a valid license. Class I misdemeanor for first offense and Class IV felony for second and subsequent offenses.
LB1115	Storer *General Affairs*	Exempt microbreweries from certain distribution agreement requirements between beer suppliers and wholesalers	*Hearing 2/9/26*	Exempts microbreweries from the beer distribution requirements that govern contracts between beer suppliers and wholesalers.
LB1128	Dover *General Affairs*	Change provisions relating to entertainment district licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*Amended into LB1235 as AM2178 3/4/26*	Creates a new class of entertainment district liquor license, the consumption-only license to be utilized by businesses within entertainment districts that do not themselves sell alcoholic products to permit consumption inside the business so long as they are within an entertainment district and follow the Liquor Control Act. Sets the license fee at $25.
LB1151* *Oppose*	Clouse *General Affairs*	Provide for a regional craft brewery license under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*Hearing 2/9/26*	Creates a new class of liquor license, the regional craft brewery license for breweries producing between 20 thousand and 200 thousand barrels per year. Sets the license fee at $250. Allows the licensee to purchase & sell products from a wholesaler but does not allow self-distribution of products. AM2001 – reduces maximum number of barrels from 200 to 95 thousand per year

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LB1235+	General Affairs Committee *General Affairs*	Change and transfer provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act and provide for taxation	*Approved by Gov. 4/7/26*	Changes provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act. AM2178 – adopted Amends LB1128 and portions of LB1085 into the bill. • Creates a new class of entertainment district liquor license, the consumption-only license to be utilized by businesses within entertainment districts that do not themselves sell alcoholic products to permit consumption inside the business so long as they are within an entertainment district and follow the Liquor Control Act. Sets the license fee at $25. • Clarifies that bottle clubs aren't only for the express purpose of consuming alcoholic liquor. • Requires the Liquor Control Commission to consider whether the applicant or its entities are delinquent on any federal, state, or local taxes. • Increases penalties for selling alcoholic liquor at retail without a valid license. Class I misdemeanor for first offense and Class IV felony for second and subsequent offenses. AM1889 – withdrawn AM2354 – withdrawn AM2524 – adopted ER136 – adopted
LR366	Holdcroft *General Affairs*	Interim study to examine the regulatory framework established under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*Introduced 3/12/26*	Interim study to examine the regulatory framework established under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, including, but not limited to, licensing, distribution, and enforcement and financial regulatory systems administered by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

* *Testimony provided by Project Extra Mile*
+ Emergency clause included

The 109th Legislature, Second Regular Session adjourned Sine Die on April 17, 2026.

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LB16*	Cavanaugh, J *Judiciary* Conrad name added	Adopt the Nebraska Consumable Hemp Control Act	*Hearing 1/29/25*	Creates the Nebraska Consumable Hemp Control Commission using the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission (LCC) commissioners and executive director. Requires monthly meetings to be held. Establishes the licensing and regulatory system as a part of the Nebraska Consumable Hemp Control Act. Designates the Commission to create its rules and regulations.
LB33* *Oppose*	Hunt *General Affairs*	Remove nonalcoholic beer from regulation under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*Hearing 2/3/25*	Removes 'near beer' from the definition of beer and specifies that beer does not include nonalcoholic beer, which would allow children to purchase beer with less than 0.5% ABV. It could also be consumed while driving. AM23 – pending Indicates that beer, wine, and spirits are one-half of one percent or more alcohol by volume.
LB97+	Fredrickson *Transportation & Telecommunications*	Change provisions relating to deferred judgments and the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	*Approved by Governor 4/14/25*	Sec. 1: Allows deferred judgment for CDL or CLP-permit as long as it would not mask a conviction and lead to noncompliance with federal laws leading to possible loss of federal money. Sec. 22: Expands interlock beyond Class M (motorcycle) or O (vehicle) operator's license holders, including CDL license holders. AM292, AM507, ER26, FA33 – adopted

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LB113* *Oppose*	Quick *General Affairs*	Change provisions relating to licensees under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*Approved by Governor 4/14/25*	• Increases physical location allotment for holders of a manufacturer's, craft brewery, and micro distillery license from five to eight. • Allows Nebraska micro distilleries to annually self-distribute up to 3,500 gallons (instead of 500) of their product. • Changes the food service requirement for alcohol consumption in the commons area of an entertainment district to allow consumption as long as at least one holder of an entertainment district (E) license is serving food. • Adds language to relax restrictions for all entertainment districts to allow pedestrians to cross an open street or highway while carrying open containers of alcohol as long as those pedestrians are traveling between two businesses that hold an entertainment district license. Attorney General's Opinion: Dormant Commerce Clause Challenge AM232, AM843, AM851 – adopted ST15 – recorded AM624, AM811, FA27 – failed AM625, AM626, AM682, FA92 – withdrawn
LB124* *Support*	Holdcroft *Judiciary*	Change penalties for motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child	*Amended into LB 530 as AM 1238*	Changes penalties for a motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child as a result of impaired driving to equal those of MVH DUI of a person manslaughter of an unborn child. • Enhances the penalty from a Class IIIA felony to a Class IIA felony when death results from an impaired driving crash (maximum changes from 3 years to 20 years). • Enhances the penalty from a Class IIA felony to a Class II felony when death results from an impaired driving crash with a repeat offender (changes from 0-20 years to minimum 1 year and maximum 50 years).

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LB178* *Support*	Clouse *General Affairs*	Require mandatory server training under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*Failed to advance to E & R Initial 3/4/25*	• Requires a mandatory server alcohol training course as a part of the liquor licensing process and allows the LCC to promulgate the rules and regulations governing those programs. • Individuals engaged in the sale, service, or mixture of alcoholic liquor, in providing security, or in verifying customers' ages will need a certificate of completion that must be submitted to the LCC within 90 days of the start of employment. • The training fee may not exceed $30. • Businesses that do not keep documentation on premises of an employee's certificate or their employment records may have their license suspended, cancelled, or revoked. • For events primarily staffed by volunteers, under a special designated license (SDL), only the manager on duty is required to have completed mandatory server alcohol training; peace officers are exempt from training AM199 – adopted
LB186+* *Oppose*	Dover *General Affairs* Raybould name added	Change provisions relating to entertainment districts under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*Amended into LB 113 as AM 843*	• Changes the food service requirement for alcohol consumption in the commons area of an entertainment district to allow consumption as long as at least one holder of an entertainment district (E) license is serving food. • Adds language to relax restrictions for entertainment districts located in cities of the first and second class, counties, and/or villages to allow pedestrians to cross an open street or highway while carrying open containers of alcohol as long as those pedestrians are traveling between two businesses that hold an entertainment district license.

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LB330* *Support*	Juarez *Revenue*	Change provisions relating to the sales tax rate and create the Alcohol Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund	*Hearing 3/20/25*	• Sets the sales tax at five percent pursuant to section 77-2703 except for transactions that occur withing a good life district, then the sales tax is two and three-quarters percent of the transaction. • Sets sales tax on alcoholic liquor at fifteen and one-half percent. • Requires proceeds of the sales tax from alcoholic liquor to be distributed 50% to the Alcohol Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund and 50% to the Education Future Fund. • Creates the Alcohol Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund which will be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services to fund prevention and treatment of alcohol addiction.
LB478	General Affairs Committee *General Affairs*	Provide for an auction permit and a wholesalers shipping license and change other provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	*Approved by Governor 4/7/25*	• Creates an auction permit for auction houses to be allowed to sell alcoholic products; requires auction houses to notify the LCC of all auctions and provide inventories of products to be sold. • Creates a wholesale shipping license to allow wholesalers outside of Nebraska to obtain a Nebraska shipping license to ship product only to a Nebraska wholesale license holder. • Removes fees for the issuance of a duplicate airline, special party bus, pedal pub vehicle, and railroad license. • Clarifies that public notice of a liquor license hearings may be published in a legal newspaper in statewide or general circulation in a city, village, or county. • Sets the annual brand registration renewal fee to be no more than $30. • Exempts retailers who hold a shipping license for products outside of Nebraska and ship directly to consumers from filing a brand registration report.

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