

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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House Bill Number 339

Legislative Action:

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House Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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House: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: Great Falls

Governor: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Committee: House Business & Taxation Committee

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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "Liquor and Gambling License Separation Act"
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
- 3 Section 1: The purpose of this act is to allow restaurant/small business owners the option to
- 4 purchase a liquor license without an attached gambling license.
- 5 Section 2: It has been found that:
- 6 1.) In the State of Montana, you are unable to purchase a full liquor license without also paying
- 7 for a gambling license.
- 8 2.) Gambling licenses add excessive costs to small business owners who choose not to exercise
- 9 the gambling licenses add excessive costs to small business owners who choose not to
- 10 exercise the gambling option.
- 11 3.) Many small business owners find it necessary to exercise their otherwise unwanted gambling
- 12 license in order to recover the excessive cost associated with its purchase.
- 13 Section 3: It is the purpose of this act to provide :
- 14 1.) Small business owner's financial relief from paying for a license they do not intend to
- 15 exercise.
- 16 2.) Small business owners with the freedom to choice to purchase only the licenses that they
- 17 desire.
- 18 3.) A reduction in the number of restaurants being partially converted to casinos for the sole
- 19 purpose of cost recovery.
- 20 Section 4: The results of this act are:
- 21 1.) To reduce the presence of casinos in previously family friendly environments
- 22 2.) To decrease the undue burden placed on small business owners who do not wish to exercise
- 23 their gambling license.

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