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Dear City or Village Clerks

RE: Sale of Liquor by the Drink / L.B. 863

As you know, the Nebraska Liquor Control Act has, since 1935, required an election to be held in any city or village prior to approval of any license to sell liquor, or other than beer, by the drink within such city or village. However, the Second Session of the 103rd Legislature recently passed L.B. 863. Section 23 of L.B. 863 amended Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-122 by eliminating the requirement that local governing bodies, first submit the question of licensing liquor by the drink to the registered voters in the municipality before a class C license can be issued. Because it was passed with an emergency clause, L.B. 863 had an effective date of May 9, 2014.

This is to advise you that all future applications requesting class C liquor licenses within your jurisdiction will be accepted and processed without your city or village first having to conduct an election on the question. If you have a retail licensee in your jurisdiction that wishes to change his or her license type to a class C the licensee must make application to our office for a new liquor license.

Keep in mind the difference in expiration dates from non-class C and class C licenses. This could be a cost savings for the retailers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Liquor Control Commission.

Sincerely,

NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

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