

HOUSE BILL 235

Introduced by Gilbert

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 235
 2 INTRODUCED BY Billert
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MODIFYING THE
 6 ALL-BEVERAGES LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR AIRPORTS; AND AMENDING
 7 SECTION 16-4-208, MCA."

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 9 WHEREAS, currently any airport served by scheduled
 10 airlines must enplane and deplane a minimum of 20,000
 11 passengers annually to qualify for an all-beverages license;
 12 and

13 WHEREAS, some smaller airports, although served by
 14 scheduled airlines, do not enplane and deplane a minimum of
 15 20,000 passengers annually and therefore do not qualify for
 16 an all-beverages license; and

17 WHEREAS, this results in poorer service to passengers
 18 using the facilities of smaller airports.

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 20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

21 **Section 1.** Section 16-4-208, MCA, is amended to read:
 22 "16-4-208. Airport all-beverages license. (1) The
 23 department of revenue shall issue one all-beverages license,
 24 to be known as a public airport all-beverages license, for
 25 use at each publicly owned airport served by scheduled

1 airlines and-enplaning-and--deplaning--a--minimum--total--of
 2 20,000-passengers-annually when:
 3 (a) application is made;
 4 (b) upon finding that this license is justified by
 5 public convenience and necessity, including the convenience
 6 and necessity of the public traveling by scheduled airlines;
 7 and
 8 (c) following a hearing as provided in 16-4-207.
 9 (2) Application shall be made by the agency owning and
 10 operating the airport. The agency owning and operating the
 11 airport may lease the airport all-beverages license to an
 12 individual or entity approved by the department.
 13 (3) A public airport all-beverages license and all
 14 retail alcoholic beverage sales thereunder shall be subject
 15 to all statutes and rules governing all-beverages licenses.
 16 (4) The department of revenue shall issue a public
 17 airport all-beverages license to a qualified applicant
 18 regardless of the number of all-beverages licenses already
 19 issued within the all-beverages license quota area in which
 20 the airport is situated."

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