

GAC Meeting

12/29/23

11:30am - 12:12pm

Attendance: Jessica, Emma, Hannah, Matt Wilson, Shaun Hill, Avery, Bob Montgomery, Jack Droppa, Bob Foley

Next Meeting: 1/12/24

Jessica Update:

Legislature convenes on wednesday, anything introduced last year but not acted upon will be discussed this week.

- Chair ultimately agenda and priorities for the committee will be
- Wednesday new bills will start to come in
- All new bills by end of january
- Committee priorities will be
- House - Government ops and general affairs committee
 - Liquor issues will not be a high priority this session.
 - Sports betting was a large topic last year for DLL
 - Not a lot of time to the agenda this session
 - We can advocate to get time before the committee

VBA - Happy Hour Bill

- Conversations about it, would require push to get in into priorities of the committee
- Jessica meets with vice chair of the committee next week - see if we can have hearing on it
- Defensive or reactionary mode for issues that come up
- Sessions runs until mid May
- Bigger Priorities this session - Criminal Justice issues
- Coming out of huge amount of federal money coming into the state, funds will be limited

Discussion about consideration of "light fare" from previous meetings back in 2020

- Jessica suggests meeting with the commissioner about light fare - discussion at annual meeting about light fare.
- Looking for more guidance with definition
- Definition on flights

Minimum wage bill

- Current law - reduced min wage for tipped employees
- Bill would change reduced minimum wage to \$15
- Jessica doesn't think the bill is moving anywhere anytime soon.
- Opposition from board - because financial implications on businesses
- <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/BILLS/H-0225/H-0225%20As%20Introduced.pdf>

Can lining discussion

- Lining will be outlawed as of July 1 or already, it will be illegal to continue to have PFAS in packaging.
- Packaging industry and can manufacturers will have to get up to speed with this, lots of states banning PFAS in food packaging
- Some states requiring labeling
- Vermont passed in 2021 and goes into effect now - law has passed
- Can manufacturers will have to figure out a solution to having PFAS in the cans
- PBA and PFAS
- Notice to all members about the law currently says and what is prohibited
- Emma referenced Clara email
- PFAS are prohibited from being intentionally added in packaging
 - Not clear who is monitoring it
 - Jessica and Emma work on email to membership about laws.