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COMMERCE AND REGULATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to warnings of risks associated with alcoholic
2 beverages, and providing a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 136E.1 WARNINGS OF RISKS
2 ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL.

3 1. A person in the course of doing business who holds a
4 license or permit under chapter 123 to sell alcoholic
5 beverages for consumption on the premises shall not knowingly
6 and intentionally expose another person to alcoholic beverages
7 which have been linked to birth defects without providing a
8 warning as prescribed by rule of the Iowa department of public
9 health.

10 2. The Iowa department of public health shall adopt rules
11 which require a warning regarding the risks associated with
12 the use of alcoholic beverages during pregnancy in the form of
13 a sign posted in the restrooms of the establishment.

14 3. A warning shall include the following language:
15 "WARNING: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy may
16 cause birth defects".

17 4. A person who does not provide a warning as prescribed
18 under this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill requires persons who hold a license or permit to
21 sell alcoholic beverages to post signs in the restrooms of the
22 establishment to provide warnings of the risks associated with
23 drinking alcohol during pregnancy. A person who does not
24 provide the warning is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

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