



## **Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association**

### **Testimony Opposing Senate Bill 2292**

**February 20, 2017**

On behalf of the Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill 2292. The KRHA opposes this legislation because it creates an imbalance between serving an intoxicating product and protecting the safety of our customers.

The Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association represents members who employ over 137,000 Kansans. A well functioning regulatory program is vitally important to our members. We understand serving alcohol comes with responsibility both to our customers and our communities.

Currently, Kansas law prohibits drinking establishment licensees from knowingly or continuing in employment of serving of alcohol anyone who has been convicted of a felony or a morals charge. K.A.R. 14-21-9 defines a morals charge as the following:

- (k) "Morals charge" means any charge made in an indictment, information or a complaint alleging crimes which involve:
- (1) prostitution;
  - (2) procuring any person;
  - (3) solicitation of a child under 18 years of age for any immoral act involving sex;
  - (4) possession or sale of narcotics, marijuana, amphetamines or barbiturates;
  - (5) rape;
  - (6) incest;
  - (7) gambling;
  - (8) adultery; or
  - (9) bigamy.

We believe the current statute best represents a reasonable approach to regulating an intoxicating product and allowing businesses the opportunities to manage a safe workplace.

Sincerely,

Scott Schneider, J.D.

