

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 446 Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by Senator Bennett

Cites this provision as the "Point-of-Purchase Messaging About Alcohol and Pregnancy Act." Provides legislative finding that fetal alcohol syndrome and other fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are serious, permanent, and life-altering conditions that substantially and adversely affect persons born with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, as well as their parents, siblings, and children.

Requires each vendor licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on or off the premises to prominently display a warning sign.

Requires the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to produce and distribute a sign that reads:

WARNING: DRINKING ANY BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY WHICH CONTAIN ALCOHOL CAN CAUSE SERIOUS LIFE-LONG BIRTH DEFECTS, INCLUDING FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME.

Provides that the division may charge a nominal fee to cover printing, postage, and handling expenses of the required sign. Provides that the division may post the required sign on a website to be downloaded by a vendor and displayed following all stated posting rules.

Provides for the enforcement of this act during routine inspections of vendors who dispense alcoholic beverages. (See bill for details)