

Senate Bill 298
General Law Committee
Public Hearing: 3/6/14

**PLEASE OPPOSE SENATE BILL 298 –
AAC THE EXTENSION OF CREDIT TO ALCOHOLIC
LIQUOR RETAILERS FROM MANUFACTURERS AND
WHOLESALERS**

The Connecticut Beverage Coalition – Dichello Distributors, Hartford Distributors and Levine Distributing – respectfully request members of the General Law Committee to oppose Senate Bill 298.

Senate Bill 298 proposes to totally repeal the long-standing provision of our law under Section 30-48(b) that prevents certain retailer accounts from getting “special credit deals” and “special loans” from manufacturers and wholesalers. In other words, the current law ensures that certain retailers can’t ask for special financial deals; nor can wholesalers and manufacturers offer special financial deals.

The current law states that no retailer accounts – no matter the size – can get credit deals beyond thirty days, nor can they get special loans.

We respectfully believe that the law should remain in place. All of our retail customers should be on a level-playing field when it comes to credit arrangements (and no loans).

In addition, the Federal Alcohol Law under 27 Code of Federal Regulations §6.65 similarly prohibits credit deals in excess of thirty days for any retailers. Passage of Senate Bill 298 would make Connecticut law inconsistent with federal law.

THANK YOU FOR OPPOSING SENATE BILL 298.