



CCM 2014 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

SB 301 "An Act Concerning Suspension of Alcoholic Liquor Permits By Municipal Law Enforcement Officials."

The bill would allow certain municipal law enforcement officials, under certain conditions, to suspend alcohol liquor permits.

CCM **supports** SB 301 as it would provide chief law enforcement officers with the ability to take action on problematic establishments. As vital links to our communities, law enforcement officials are often aware of local establishments with problematic practices such as a history of serving to minors, serving to those that have consumed too much alcohol, and issues related to drinking and driving, littering, etc.. These are matters of serious concern to our communities and impact local public safety.

As a result of recent increases in violence within bars and nightclubs throughout the State, SB 301 would be a reasonable means of enhancing the quality of life that our dedicated public safety officials strive to protect on a day-to-day basis.

CCM urges the committee to ***favorably report*** SB 301.



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