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H.502

SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Pearson of Burlington and O’Sullivan of
Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Alcoholic beverages; prohibition

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to recognize recent scientific studies that demonstrate that alcohol use is significantly more dangerous than marijuana use and to prohibit the possession, cultivation, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages. Alcohol used for medicinal, chemical, or industrial purposes will not be subject to the ban. Civil and criminal penalties for violations will track the current penalties provided under State law for cannabis. A person 21 years of age or older who possesses a small amount of alcohol may be ticketed for a civil violation and subject to a monetary penalty of up to \$500.00. Possession of larger quantities of alcohol, as well as cultivation, distribution, and sale of alcohol will be subject to criminal penalties ranging from one day to 30 years’ imprisonment and fines ranging from \$1.00 to \$1,000,000.00.

An act relating to prohibition of alcoholic beverages

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)