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Safety & Law-enforcement 3/11

House File 502

By STANLEY.

Passed House, Date.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to civil actions and liability with respect to intoxicating liquors and beer, and to amend chapter one hundred twenty-nine (129), Code 1962.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Chapter one hundred twenty-nine (129),
- 2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding the following new
- 3 sections:
- 4 1. "For the purposes of this chapter, and notwithstanding
- 5 any less inclusive definition in the Code, the words
- 6 "intoxicating liquors" or "intoxicating liquor" include
- 7 every kind of alcoholic liquor, beer, or malt liquor,
- 8 whether or not containing more than four per cent of
- 9 alcohol by weight."
- 10 2. "The provisions of this chapter shall be liberally
- 11 construed in favor of persons asserting liability or
- 12 attempting to recover damages or payments under the pro-
- 13 visions of sections one hundred twenty-nine point one
- 14 (129.1) through one hundred twenty-nine point six (129.6),
- 15 inclusive, and shall be liberally construed so as to aid
- 16 in the enforcement of the provisions of this title."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 502

The Iowa "dram shop law" provides that any person who causes the intoxication of another person by selling or giving him intoxicating liquors is liable for all damages caused as a result of such intoxication.

This bill includes beer within the definition of "intoxicating liquors" in the dram shop law.

This bill also adds rules of construction which will help make the dram shop law effective.