

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 181 (Formerly HSB 29)	House Committee:	PASSED on January 29 (23-0)
Committee:	Public Safety	House Floor:	PASSED on March 10 (86-1)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Dieken	Senate Floor:	PASSED on March 12 (48-0)
Date:	May 22, 2025	Governor:	SIGNED on March 28, 2025
Staff:	Amanda Wille (1-5230)		

Open Container- THC Beverages

- Current law prohibits open alcohol containers in a vehicle, HF 181 also prohibits open THC beverages.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1- Motor Vehicles and Law of the Road- Open Containers in Motor Vehicles- Drivers (321.284)

Prohibits open containers of drinks that contain any amount of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in a vehicle. THC drinks are treated the same as alcoholic beverages for the purpose of open container laws. Penalty is a simple misdemeanor.

Section 2- Motor Vehicles and Law of the Road- Open Containers in Motor Vehicles- Passengers (321.284A)

Prohibits open containers of drinks that contain any amount of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in a vehicle. THC drinks are treated the same as alcoholic beverages for the purpose of open container laws. Open containers may be transported in the trunk or the last upright vehicle seat (current law).

Amendment Analysis