

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 2325 (HF 2074)	House Committee: PASSED February 4 (23-0)
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Floor Manager: Representative Collins	Senate Floor:
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Social Districts

- Authorizes cities to pass by ordinance entertainment districts that allow for the consumption and possession of alcohol within the defined area.
- Ordinances shall contain a legal description/map of the district, days and hours of consumption within the district, requirements for the marked containers, requirements for the retail licensees within the district, enforcement provisions, and provisions for revocation or suspension of licensees or the district itself.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Retail alcohol licenses — classes (Iowa Code 123.30(5)(a)(4))

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH – Authorizes the issuance of class “E” retail alcohol license for on premise consumption for “social districts”.

Section 2 – Consumption or intoxication in public places — notifications — chemical tests — expungement (Iowa Code 123.46(2))

Allows a person to possess and consume alcohol on public streets and places within a social district.

Section 3 – Entertainment Districts (Iowa Code 414.34)

NEW SECTION – Creates definitions for social districts, including “marked containers” to identify which licensee provided the alcoholic drink.

Social district ordinances shall contain a legal description/map of the district, days and hours of consumption within the district, requirements for the marked containers, requirements for the retail licensees within the district, enforcement provisions, and provisions for revocation or suspension of licensees or the district itself.

Amendment Analysis