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STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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899

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE BUREAU OF AL- Danton * OTP
COHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM UNDER THE DE-
PARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

SUMMARY: ID 899 proposed to remove the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages from under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration and place it under the State Liquor Commission. In addition, the bill proposed to remove the Division of Liquor Enforcement from under the Department of Public Safety and place it under the State Liquor Commission. The bill also proposed to increase the State Liquor Commission from 3 to 5 members. The primary purpose of the bill is to provide a consistent policy with respect to the administration, control, and enforcement of the State's liquor laws and liquor policy. These responsibilities were divided among several departments and agencies.

The bill was reported out in new draft ID 1574 which kept the Division of Liquor Enforcement under the Department of Public Safety. There was concern that an organization with policy, regulatory, and enforcement authority might not be for the best public interest.

924

AN ACT CONCERNING THE GUIDELINES Violette OTP
FOR STATE CONTRACT PROCESS AND APPEAL
OF DECISIONS

SUMMARY: ID 924 proposed to require the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to establish specific guidelines for the competitive bidding process. The intent was to develop a standard process for bidding on contracts awarded by departments and agencies. The commissioner of Finance and Administration was opposed to establishing a procedure for bidding to be used by all state agencies.

The bill was reported out in new draft ID 1316 which required all departments, except Finance & Administration and Transportation to establish competitive bidding procedures on contracts by users according to the Administrative Procedure Act. The rules include standards for notification of bidders about contracts for bid, contract review, selection of bids, appeal of agency decisions, etc..