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## Alcohol Alert - February 19, 2019



### Sign a witness slip to oppose HB 1439 - Home delivery of Alcohol

House Bill 1439 will be heard tomorrow, February 20, in the House Executive Committee at 8:30 a.m. This will allow grocery stores to deliver alcohol!

**HB 1439 allows a third-party facilitator license to deliver alcoholic liquors on behalf of a retailer to a HOME or OTHER DESIGNATED LOCATION.**

Underage drinking parties are often held in off-campus houses and other locations, with the event promoted on social media. One person 21 and older could place an order and accept delivery of the alcohol, and the majority of people at the party could be high school and/or underage college students. **Verifying the delivery of someone 21 and over will not prevent underage drinking. In fact, underage drinking could increase if this becomes law!**

During the last 10 years, **there have been dramatic increases in alcohol-related problems. The death rate from all types of alcoholic liver disease increased by more than 40%, alcohol-related emergency visits increased 62%, and alcohol use disorder among adults increased by nearly 50%.** Consumers are drinking more alcohol with a higher percentage of alcohol by volume (distilled spirits). [Read more](#)

**Illinois has one of the highest levels of excessive drinking in the nation.** The U. S. average percentage of the population that drinks to excess is 19% for adults in the past

30 days, with 14% of females and 23.3% of men binge drinking. **In Illinois, the rate is 21.4%--16.4% female and 26.8% male.** [Read more](#)

**Illinois was just named home to some of the cheapest beer prices in the United States,** and Chicago has the most breweries in the nation. [Read more](#)

**HB 1439 PREMPTS Home Rule.** Municipalities would be forced to allow the delivery of [ALL types of alcohol](#) to homes.

*For Immediate Action*

1. [File a Witness Slip](#) to oppose HB 1439 for home delivery of alcohol. Type in your name and address; under Representation, type **SELF**; Position is **OPPONENT** and Testimony is **RECORD OF APPEARANCE ONLY**. Make sure you **check the box that you agree to terms**. Then **SUBMIT**.
2. **Forward** to 10 others.
3. [Contact your Representative](#) and ask him/her to Vote NO on HB 1439.

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