



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 2894		DATE: 4/4/2022	
COMMITTEE: Crime Prevention			
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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CHERYL LYNN ADELSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-442-3872	
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The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), guided by Jewish values, advocates, educates, collaborates, and mobilizes action on issues important to the Jewish community, 60,000 strong in St. Louis. We are committed to pursuing religious tolerance, civic discourse and social justice in St. Louis and beyond. Jews have a deeply held belief in teshuva, loosely translated as change/turning in other words, the possibility of rehabilitation and redemption. As stated in Ezekiel, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live." (33:11) The JCRC reaffirms the Biblical precept that people who offend are human beings, capable of reshaping their lives and worthy of an opportunity to repent and reenter society. Missouri's prisons are overcrowded and the choice today is to build more prisons, at tremendous expense, or change the way that people are sentenced, rehabilitated, and released. Reducing barriers to employment, is one of several tools to help reduce the recidivism rate in Missouri. After release from incarceration, returning citizens must navigate a complex set of barriers which makes resuming any semblance of a normal life nearly impossible. Prior criminalization degrades the conditions that can aid in recovery, such as access to additional and mental health treatment programs, support networks, gainful employment, and education. Finding paid employment can be nearly impossible due to the stigma of incarceration and the occupational licensure boards which are allowed to reject applicants with criminal histories, even when that history has no relevance to the job in question. In 2020 and 2021, several pieces of legislation addressed some licensing concerns in Missouri and removed some of the barriers returning citizens face in finding employment. This bill further clarifies that local governments cannot impose restrictions on returning citizens employed by businesses that sell liquor. This clarification will enable more returning citizens access to employment and reduce recidivism. Please support HB 2894.



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Retailers support HB 2894, certain felons deserve a chance and past state policies have prevented retailers to offer employment in our liquor sector.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am Opposed to this Legislation Change. This Bill Takes Away Local Control From Counties, Cities and Villages Across Missouri. This Bill is NOT Right!