

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS24031**

The purpose of this proposed legislation is to prohibit the possession, use, sale and purchase of powdered alcohol. Powdered alcohol is considered dangerous, unnecessary, and prone to abuse. In 2015, powdered alcohol, or Palcohol, received label approval from the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). This is the first step in allowing the product to be offered for sale in the USA. This product has been banned in at least 24 states through legislation in the last two years. Powdered alcoholic liquor is manufactured using the distillation process. The liquid element is removed and is mixed with various other substances (in the case of Palcohol, dextrin) to create packets of powder that can then be mixed with other liquids to make a liquor cocktail. The TTB approved label indicates it is 55% ABW/10% ABV when mixed with 200ml of water. However, in its solid, powdered state at which it is to be sold at retail, it is near 70% ABV. Concerns include unapproved uses (snorting), misuse by irresponsible adults of legal drinking age and underage persons, improper mixing with less than the prescribed amount of water, mixing with other spirituous liquors that could create lethal “drinks,” mixing with foods, and the inherent concealability that will lead to illicit use in venues where alcohol is prohibited (football stadiums, high school lunch rooms, etc.).

### **FISCAL NOTE**

This legislation will have no fiscal impact.

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