



**Statement of Andrew Eiler
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On Intro. 577**

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**Jonathan Mintz
Commissioner**

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Good morning, Chairman Comrie, and members of the Consumer Affairs Committee. I am Andrew Eiler, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Consumer Affairs. Commissioner Mintz asked me to thank you for the opportunity to appear before you to comment on Intro. 577 to amend the law governing the licensing of billiard and pool halls.

Simply put, this bill would exempt from the licensing requirement any establishment with fewer than three pool or billiard tables. This amendment would clearly define when an establishment is required to be licensed based on the specific count of tables that are in it.

Commissioner Mintz wholeheartedly supports this amendment which eliminates all ambiguity from the current law about which establishments need to be licensed.

I would, however, note that since the bill exempts any establishment with fewer than three tables, it makes redundant the provision in section 20-221 that exempts any establishment with only one undersized table. I would therefore suggest the bill be amended to repeal that section.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Intro. 577. I will be glad to answer any questions.