

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6265

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR, FEBRUARY 6, 1992

**Brief Description:** Altering keg registration container size requirements.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Newhouse and Snyder

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR**

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Matson, Chairman; Bluechel, McDonald, McMullen, Moore, Murray, and Skratek.

**Staff:** Forrest Bathurst (786-7429)

**Hearing Dates:** February 5, 1992; February 6, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

Current law prohibits small groceries or other off premise class E licensees from selling malt liquor (any variety of beer) in kegs holding four or more gallons. A class E licensee must obtain a class A or class B license if they wish to sell malt liquor in kegs larger than four gallons.

**SUMMARY:**

Small groceries or other off premise class E licensees may sell malt liquor in kegs of up to five and one-half gallons without being required to obtain a class A or class B license if all such sales comply with laws concerning the registration of kegs.

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

The Liquor Control Board may charge class E licensees for keg registration booklets. Fees are deposited into the liquor revolving fund and may be spent by the board without appropriation.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** requested January 29, 1992

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

The public would benefit by the ease of purchasing made possible by this act. Small convenience stores, or others with class E licenses, could stock these items and sell them consistent with keg registration requirements.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Carter Mitchell, Liquor Control Board; Stu Halsan,  
Coors Brewing Company (pro)