

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5128

AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 16, 1993

**Brief Description:** Raising keg registration container size requirements from four to five and one-half gallons.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Moore, Newhouse, Snyder and Amondson

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Moore, Chairman; Prentice, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Barr, Fraser, McAuliffe, Newhouse, Pelz, Prince, Sutherland, and Vognild.

**Staff:** Traci Ratzliff (786-7452)

**Hearing Dates:** January 26, 1993

**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.

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, to administer the cost of the keg registration program.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

This bill would allow small grocery stores to sell small party kegs of up to five and a half gallons. Purchasers of such kegs would have to comply with keg registration requirements.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

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