

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1278

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### PARTIAL VETO

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning the labeling of malt liquor packages.

**Sponsors:** Representatives K. Schmidt, Hatfield, Mitchell, Pennington, Scott, Mielke, Cody, Honeyford and Delvin.

**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**

**Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor**

**Background:** Labels that appear on bottled malt liquor products must have federal approval and must meet certain state requirements. State law requires the label to identify the contents, the name of the manufacturer, and the place of manufacture. Bottles containing malt liquor beverages must use the term beer, ale, malt liquor, stout, or porter.

The term malt beverage— or malt liquor— includes beer, ale, and lager beer. There is no authority to use the term lager— for labeling purposes or in connection with other malt beverages such as ales.

**Summary:** The term lager— may appear on labels of malt liquor products. The term includes all currently identified malt beverages such as beer, ale, lager beer, stout, and porter.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 96 0

Senate 47 0

**Effective:** July 27, 1997

**Partial Veto Summary:** The Governor vetoed the section of the bill that included in the term lager,— all currently identified malt beverages such as beer, ale, lager beer, stout and porter.