

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5062

As of January 20, 1999

Title: An act relating to agency liquor vendors.

Brief Description: Granting a limited right to transfer an agency liquor vendor's contract to a surviving spouse or adult child.

Sponsors: Senators Rasmussen, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Horn, Prentice and Winsley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions: 1/28/99.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, TRADE, HOUSING & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Staff: David Pringle (786-7448)

Background: Agency liquor vendor stores are located in areas of the state where no state liquor store exists. The Liquor Control Board may appoint a person as a liquor vendor to sell spirits either through an existing private retail business such as a drug store or grocery store or as a separate business. Liquor vendors operating agency stores are considered independent contractors.

Summary of Bill: Agency liquor vendor contracts are transferable to a spouse or adult child upon the death or disability of the agency liquor vendor.

The spouse or child must agree to all contract terms, meet minimum qualifications, and must not be a convicted felon or in violation of any other cause for termination stated in the contract. Adult children must also show that the agency store was a source of income during the preceding 12 months.

Following a transfer, a spouse or adult child has the same right to automatically renew the contract as the agency liquor vendor.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.