
Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB 1008

Brief Description: Allowing sales of growlers of cider.

Sponsors: Representatives Hunt, Appleton, Hurst, McCoy, Condotta, Fitzgibbon, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Reykdal and Magendanz.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a restaurant or retailer holding a license that permits the sale of beer in a sanitary container (e.g., growlers) to similarly be permitted to sell cider in such a container.

Hearing Date: 1/17/13

Staff: Caitlin Forsyth (786-5793), Trudes Tango (786-7384).

Background:

The Liquor Control Board (Board) issues a variety of liquor licenses, including microbrewery, restaurant, and retailer licenses. Some licensees may sell beer in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser and filled at the tap at the time of sale (e.g., growlers). Licensees with this privilege include breweries, microbreweries, and taverns that hold a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license and certain qualifying beer and wine specialty shops that hold a combined license.

Cider is defined as "table wine that contains not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume and not more than seven percent of alcohol by volume and is made from the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe apples or pears. Because cider is defined not as beer but as a separate category, cider cannot be sold in growlers under current law.

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Summary of Bill:

The license permitting a restaurant or retailer to sell beer in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser or furnished by the licensee and filled at the tap by the licensee at the time of sale (e.g., growlers) also permits the sale of cider in such a container.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.