
Commerce & Gaming Committee

HB 1342

Brief Description: Permitting the sale of cider in microbrewery tasting rooms.

Sponsors: Representatives Bergquist, Condotta, Takko, S. Hunt, Wylie, Magendanz and Moscoso.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows licensed microbreweries to sell cider produced by a domestic winery for on-premises or off-premises consumption.

Hearing Date: 1/27/15

Staff: David Rubenstein (786-7153).

Background:

A microbrewery license authorizes production of up to 60,000 barrels of beer per year. There are 280 licensed microbreweries in the state. Microbreweries are also permitted to sell beer for on-premises consumption and may sell beer produced by another microbrewery, provided that the other brewery's beers do not constitute more than 25 percent of the on-tap offerings.

Cider, or fermented apple or pear juice containing between 0.5 percent and 7 percent alcohol, is defined as wine under the liquor control statutes. Microbreweries may not serve wine without a separate license, such as a tavern license or a beer and/or wine restaurant license.

Summary of Bill:

Licensed microbreweries may sell cider produced by a domestic winery for on-premises or off-premises consumption.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Requested on 1/20/15.

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