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## Commerce & Gaming Committee

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### HB 2605

**Brief Description:** Creating a special permit by a manufacturer of beer to hold a private event for the purpose of tasting and selling beer of its own production.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Kirby, Vick, Blake and Rossetti.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authorizes the Liquor and Cannabis Board to issue a special permit to a beer manufacturer allowing the manufacturer to conduct a private tasting and sales event involving beer of its own production.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/1/16

**Staff:** Thamas Osborn (786-7129).

**Background:**

Wine manufacturers and distilleries may apply to the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) for a special permit to conduct tastings and sales of wine or spirits of their own production. The permit allows for the sale and consumption of wine or liquor at private, invitation-only gatherings held in a specific place and at a specific time. The permit costs \$10 and must be displayed during the event. The LCB may issue no more than 12 permits per year to a single wine manufacturer or distillery.

The LCB is not authorized to issue a special permit to beer manufacturers to hold similar private events.

**Summary of Bill:**

The LCB is authorized to issue a special permit to a beer manufacturer allowing the manufacturer to conduct a private tasting and sales event involving beer of its own production. The permit allows for the sale and consumption of beer at private, invitation-only gatherings held

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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