

ALCOHOL OMNIBUS

1HB 548

As of February 23, 2024

High Points >

- The number of **Full-Service (FS) Restaurant Licenses will increase** from one (1) per population of 4,467 to one (1) per population of 3,167 graduated over a seven (7) year period. The total increase will be roughly 312 additional licenses bringing the FS Restaurant license total to 1,073 statewide by fiscal year 31.
- The number of **Bar Licenses will increase** from one (1) per population of 10,200 to one (1) per population of 7,246 graduated over a seven (7) year period. Total increase will be roughly 136 additional licenses bringing the bar license bringing the total to 469 statewide by fiscal year 31.
- **Hotel/Resort Portability** will be established to allow a purchased alcoholic beverage to be carried in an unmarked/opaque cup on a designated conveyance area to the patron's room.
- **Prohibition of the retail sale of vaporized/frozen alcohol products.** This prohibition does not limit commercial use for bona fide research or healthcare purposes such as laboratories, university research, or licensed health care practitioners.
- **Increases mark-up on liquor, wine, and flavored malt beverages** by .5%. Increase will go into the general fund to pay for addiction recovery programs.
- An increased **Beer/Heavy Beer Tax** will be imposed. \$13.10 per 31-gallon barrel for beer imported or manufactured before July 1, 2024; \$13.35 per 31-gallon barrel on or after July 1, 2024, and before July 1, 2025; \$13.60 per 31-gallon barrel for beer imported or manufactured on or after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2026; \$13.85 per 31-gallon barrel for beer imported or manufactured on or after July 1, 2026, and before July 1, 2027; and \$14.10 per 31-gallon barrel for beer imported or manufactured on or after July 1, 2027. The increase will pay for additional compliance and enforcement officers.
- **Three (3) additional Alcohol Compliance Officers** will be added to the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) to enforce code compliance in retail outlets.
- **Place of Last Drink (POLD) Reporting Requirements** A Data Base will be established to track potential over service patterns during alcohol related traffic stops / accidents. The database will track each offender and enter their POLD into the database to ensure that

establishments do not have a pattern of over service. Patterns of potential over service will be investigated by SBI Alcohol Compliance Officers.

- Allows an entity that is not an airline to operate a hospitality room at the international airport.
 - Begins cash bar pilot to track cash purchases and maintain receipts. This includes the patrons' name and address based on an I.D. check.
 - Begins interim study on modification of the Department of Alcohol Beverage control (DABs) and the State Alcohol Commission.
 - Allows a retail licensee to sell bottled/canned cocktails. 12 ounces or less. Less than 10% alcohol by volume (ABV) per drink. More cost effective and convenient for retailers.
 - Prorates initial license fees for retail licenses. Based on what month of the year the license was received.
 - Adds provisions for victims to get copies of DUI and accident reports for possible civil litigation.
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- Increases Accountability for overservice. Strengthened language on disciplinary procedures.
 - Prohibits the sale of liquor that contains more than 80% alcohol by volume. (Everclear)