

FINAL BILL REPORT

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Expanding the sales opportunities of licensed brewers and domestic wineries.

SPONSORS: Senators Bauer, Newhouse, Thorsness, Moore and Vognild

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, breweries are licensed to sell beer of their own production for on or off-premise consumption. For the purpose of conducting such activity, an establishment holding a brewer's license is considered to have wholesaling and retailing privileges for products of their own production. However, a brewery desiring to sell wine or beer produced by another brewery for consumption on premises is required to hold a class H restaurant license and must provide full meal services.

In like manner, domestic wineries are licensed to sell wine of their own production for on or off-premise consumption. For the purposes of conducting such activity, an establishment holding a domestic winery license is also considered to have wholesaling and retailing privileges for products of their own production. However, a winery desiring to sell beer or wine produced by another winery for consumption on premises is required to obtain a class H restaurant license and must provide full meal service.

The range of license fees for applicable retail liquor licenses are as follows: A - beer license, \$205-\$355; B - beer tavern, \$205-\$355; C - wine, \$150-\$300; H - beer/wine/spirits, \$1,200-\$2,000.

SUMMARY:

Licensed brewers and domestic wineries are authorized to obtain a beer or wine retailer's license for on-premise consumption at the brewery or domestic winery. The alcoholic beverages that are not produced by the brewery or domestic winery are required to be purchased from a licensed beer or wine wholesaler.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	44	2	
House	95	0	(House amended)
Senate	40	8	(Senate concurred)

EFFECTIVE: June 11, 1992