

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1462

As of March 18, 2009

Title: An act relating to beer and wine specialty shops.

Brief Description: Regarding malt liquor sold by beer and/or wine specialty shops.

Sponsors: Representatives Williams, Chandler, Newhouse, Moeller and Upthegrove.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/23/09, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 3/19/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: Holders of certain retail liquor licenses can obtain an endorsement from the Liquor Control Board (LCB) to sell kegs of beer for off-premise consumption. Currently, the authority to sell kegs is limited to holders of tavern licenses; spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses; and beer and/or wine restaurant licenses. Holders of a beer and/or wine specialty shop license are not authorized to sell kegs.

Licensees selling kegs must comply with keg registration procedures using forms provided by the LCB, and the LCB may charge licensees for the costs of providing the registration forms. The fee for the keg endorsement is \$120 per year.

Summary of Bill: Holders of a beer and/or wine specialty shop license may obtain an endorsement to sell kegs. Licensees must comply with keg registration procedures, and the LCB may charge licensees for the cost of providing registration forms.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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