
Commerce & Gaming Committee

HB 2412

Brief Description: Concerning domestic brewery and microbrewery retail licenses.

Sponsors: Representatives Stonier, MacEwen, Blake, Young, Eslick, Riccelli and Wylie.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Increases the number of retail liquor licenses a domestic brewery or microbrewery licensee may hold from two to four.
- Provides that nothing in statute prohibits an owner of a licensed domestic brewery or microbrewery from allowing dogs on the premises of a licensed retail location.

Hearing Date: 1/23/20

Staff: Kyle Raymond (786-7190).

Background:

Domestic Breweries and Microbreweries.

A person may manufacture beer under a domestic brewery license or a microbrewery license. A domestic brewery or microbrewery may also act as a distributor and retailer of beer of its own production. A microbrewery may sell from its premises for on-premises and off-premises consumption beer produced by another brewery or cider produced by a winery. Any domestic brewery or microbrewery operating as a distributor or retailer must comply with the applicable laws and rules relating to distributors or retailers, as appropriate.

Retail Licenses. A microbrewery and domestic brewery may also hold up to two retail licenses to operate an on-premises or off-premises tavern, beer and/or wine restaurant, or spirits, beer, and wine restaurant.

A microbrewery or domestic brewery that holds a tavern license, a beer and/or wine restaurant license, or a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license holds the same privileges and endorsements under the applicable retail license.

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A tavern license authorizes licensees to sell beer and wine at retail for consumption on the premises. The annual fee schedule for a tavern is as follows: (1) \$200 for the beer license; and (2) \$200 for the wine license.

A beer and/or wine restaurant license authorizes restaurants to sell beer and wine at retail for consumption on the premises, in conjunction with the sale of food. The annual fee schedule for the beer and/or wine restaurant license is as follows: (1) \$200 for the beer license; (2) \$200 for the wine license; and (3) \$400 for the combination beer and wine license.

A spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license authorizes restaurants to sell spirituous liquor by the individual glass, beer, and wine, at retail, for consumption on the premises, including mixed drinks and cocktails compounded or mixed on the premises only. Licensees must serve complete meals and meet specific food service, kitchen equipment, and floor space requirements, as defined by the Liquor and Cannabis Board rules.

Summary of Bill:

The number of retail liquor licenses a domestic brewery or microbrewery licensee may hold is increased to four. Domestic brewery and microbrewery licensees may obtain any combination of retail liquor licenses available.

The domestic brewery and microbrewery licenses are each amended to provide that nothing under statute prohibits the licensee owner from allowing dogs on the premises of a retail location held by the licensee.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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