

SESSION OF 2013

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 7

As Amended by House Committee on
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Brief*

SB 7, as amended, would authorize the preparing or mixing of samples at a licensed retail premise for the purpose of conducting wine, beer, or distilled spirit tastings, and also would amend existing law regarding liquor violations and rules and regulations.

The bill would require any written administrative notice or order imposing a fine or other penalty for an alleged violation of the Kansas Liquor Control Act or the Kansas Club and Drinking Establishment Act to be issued within 90 days after the date the citation was issued.

All rules and regulations concerning microdistilleries and public venues, which were adopted on and after July 1, 2012, and before July 1, 2013, would remain effective until revised, revoked, or nullified by law.

The bill also would allow for the consumption of alcoholic liquor at the State Capitol or on its surrounding premises during an official State function that has been approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations. The Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs recommended the bill

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as introduced favorably for passage.

At the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development hearing on the bill, proponent testimony was provided by representatives from the Kansas Association of Beverage Retailers, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, and the Kansas Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association. Opponent testimony was provided by a representative from Schneider Public Strategies. Neutral testimony was provided by representatives from the Kansas Department of Revenue—Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association.

The House Committee amended the bill to add the State Capitol or its surrounding premises to the list of public property locations where alcoholic liquor could be consumed, with certain restrictions.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget for the bill, as introduced, indicates passage of the bill would increase FY 2013 all funds expenditures by \$3,600.