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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. John Barker, Chairman, House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

FROM: Debbi Beavers, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division

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SUBJECT: Proponent Testimony on House Bill 2475

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

The ABC proposed this legislation to codify current practice by Kansas microbreweries who sell and fill or refill containers with beer manufactured by the microbrewery. These containers are commonly referred to as a “growler” and are typically 32 or 64 ounces. The 32 ounce size is sometimes referred to as a “howler”. ABC proposed the range in size of the refillable containers for flexibility.

The refillable container must be sealable and the licensee must affix a label to any container sold or refilled to indicate clearly the licensee name and the name and type of beer the container was filled with.

ABC frequently receives questions from microbrewery owners regarding the legality of refilling a container that was not purchased at their microbrewery. This language would provide clarification that it is permissible.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.