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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 274

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 274 would amend the Liquor Control Act by allowing the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to issue a microbrewery packaging and warehousing facility license to a microbrewery licensee at the cost of \$100.00. The license would allow a microbrewery to transfer beer, manufactured by the licensee, for the purpose of packaging and storing, or both, from a microbrewery to the warehouse, or vice versa, or to a licensed beer wholesaler.

The bill also would allow the Director of ABC to issue, to the Kansas State Fair or any other *bona fide* group of brewers, a permit to import small quantities of beer, to be used only for educational and scientific tasting programs, and not be resold.

The bill would permit microbreweries to sell domestic beer on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Background

Proponents of the bill included representatives of the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, Free State Brewery and Wheatfield Bakery, Kansas Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association, Smoky Hill Vineyards and Winery and Kansas Grape Growers and Winemakers Association, and a representative of the Department of Commerce.

A representative of the Kansas for Addiction Prevention testified in opposition.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The Director of ABC testified as neutral.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to delete “beer enthusiasts” from being a group that could acquire a permit and increased the microbrewery packaging and warehousing facility license to \$100.00 from \$50.00. The Committee also deleted Section 3 which would have allowed wine manufactured by a farm winery, or beer manufactured by a microbrewery, to be sold and consumed at the Kansas State Fair. The Committee deleted section 4 which would have allowed the Director of ABC to issue one temporary permit authorizing the sale and serving by the drink of wine and beer for the duration of the State Fair.

The fiscal note was not available on the amended version of the bill.