

HB 2054 -- SALE OF DRAFT BEER

SPONSOR: Cornejo

This bill repeals the provision that makes the authority for cities and counties to collect fees and certain other liquor license provisions applicable to microbrewer licenses in the same manner as they apply to certain other licensed establishments.

The bill allows a brewer to lease portable refrigeration units, not to exceed 125 cubic feet in storage space, to retail licensees at a fair market value rate and to wholesalers, who in turn may sublease them to retail licensees at a fair market value rate. At the end of the lease period, the unit shall become the property of the wholesaler. The unit shall display advertising about the brewer's products visible to consumers within the retail outlet.

The bill also allows any person who is licensed to sell intoxicating liquor in the original package at retail under Section 311.200, RSMo, to sell between 32 to 128 ounces of draft beer to customers in containers filled by an employee of the retailer on the premises for consumption off the retail premises. Specifications for the labeling and sealing of the containers, compliance with federal law, and health and safety regulations for filling and refilling containers are specified in the bill. An employee filling or refilling containers with draft beer must be 21 years of age or older.

Any provision of law or rule of regulation of the Supervisor of Alcohol and Tobacco Control in the Department of Public Safety cannot be interpreted to allow any manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor of intoxicating liquor to provide dispensing or cooling equipment or containers to any person who is licensed to sell intoxicating liquor in the original package at retail.