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Overview

This bill requires all beer kegs sold by off-sale retailers to have an identification number that is recorded by the retailer, along with the buyer's identification, at the time of sale. It prohibits anyone other than a wholesaler or retailer from possessing a beer keg without the required identification.

Section

- 1 **Sale of beer kegs.** Requires beer kegs to be identified and recorded before being sold by off-sale retailers.
- Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines "beer keg" as a brewery-sealed container holding at least seven gallons of beer. Defines "off-sale retailer" to include licensees and municipal liquor stores.
- Subd. 2. Standards.** Prohibits off-sale retail sales of keg beer without an identification label or tag. Specifies the material, manner of attachment, and required identification information.
- Subd. 3. Identification required.** Prohibits an off-sale retailer from selling a beer keg unless it has identification attached to it.
- Subd. 4. Records.** Requires an off-sale retailer who sells a beer keg to record:
- (1) the number of the buyer's driver's license, Minnesota identification card, military identification card, or valid passport.
 - (2) the date and time of the purchase;
 - (3) the keg identification number; and
 - (4) the purchaser's signature.
- Requires the record to be kept by the retailer for at least 90 days after the date of sale.
- Subd. 5. Access to records.** Requires off-sale retailers to make their keg sale registers available during business hours for inspection by a peace officer or a department of public safety agent.
- Subd. 6. Violations.** Prohibits a person required to record keg sales in a book or register from

knowingly making a materially false entry. Allows a defense of reasonable and good faith reliance on the identification provided

If anyone other than a wholesaler or retailer possesses a beer keg that does not have the required identification, the keg is considered contraband and subject to seizure by law enforcement or public safety.