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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill authorizes brewpubs (small brewers who are also licensed restaurants) to sell their products at off-sale and wholesale. Under present law they may only sell their beer for on-premise consumption.

The bill also repeals all statutory limits on the number of retail liquor licenses that cities may issue.

#### Section

- 1 **Technical** . Makes a technical change.
- 2 **Brewpub license.** Amends the law setting out the fee for a brewery that is also a restaurant by deleting the requirement that the brewer's output is solely for on-premise consumption.
- 3 **Off-sales by brewpubs.** Allows a brewer that holds an on-sale license from a city to also be issued an off-sale license by a city. Provides that such a brewer may not have total retail sales, when combined with wholesales authorized under section 0, of more than 3,500 barrels per year.
- 4 **Wholesaling by brewpub.** Allows a brewer who also holds an on-sale license to sell its own products at wholesale without a wholesaler's license. Provides that such a brewer may not have total retail sales, when combined with on- and off-sales authorized under section 0, of more than 3,500 barrels per year.
- 5 **Exemption.** Provides that authorization for a brewpub to sell at off-sale and wholesale does not violate the law that prohibits a brewer or beer wholesaler from giving anything of value to a beer retailer.
- 6 **Technical.** Deletes a reference to a law repealed in section 0.
- 7 **Repeal of local license limits.** Repeals all limits on the number of retail intoxicating liquor licenses that cities may issue.

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**Effective date.** Makes all sections effective immediately.