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Overview

Under current law, a brewpub or microbrewery may make off-sales of their own product from their premises provided that the total amount of beer sold off-sale does not exceed 500 barrels per year. In addition, a microbrewery may not be issued an off-sale license once its production exceeds 20,000 barrels per year. HF 1078 eliminates the 500 barrel per year limit for brewpubs and microbreweries and authorizes off-sale licenses to microbreweries if they produce up to 250,000 barrels per year.

Also under current law, brewpubs and microbreweries may refill 64 ounce growlers or 750 milliliters bottles for off-sale. These containers must have twist-type closure, cork, stopper or plug. This bill would eliminate the 64 ounce and 750 milliliter size requirements for growlers and bottles, allow any “vessel” to be refilled instead of requiring that the container be a bottle, and allow the size of these vessels to be between 500 milliliters and 2 liters.

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- 1 Total retail sales.** Eliminates the 500 barrel per year limit on off-sale of malt liquor for brewpubs.
- 2 License; limitations.** Eliminates the 500 barrel per year limit on off-sale of malt liquor for small brewers. Increases the annual limit under which a small brewer may be issued an off-sale license from 20,000 to 250,000 barrels.
- 3 Growlers.** Authorizes off-sale of malt liquor by brewpubs and small brewers in any “vessel” containing between 500 milliliters and 2 liters. Eliminates the 64 ounce requirement for

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growlers and strikes current language requiring these containers to have a twist-type closure, cork, stopper, or plug.