

Subject Microdistilleries, alcoholic beverage tastings

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Overview

Current law defines a microdistillery as a distillery producing no more than 40,000 proof gallons of spirits per year. Microdistilleries may also sell at off-sale one 375 milliliter bottle of sprits per customer per day from their premises. In addition, microdistilleries are allowed to obtain a cocktail room license that allows the on-sale of spirits produced by the microdistillery.

H.F. 1827 would allow microdistilleries to produce 100,000 proof gallons of spirits or less per year, but those producing more than 40,000 proof gallons would not be able to obtain an off-sale license. For those microdistilleries that may obtain an off-sale license, this bill would allow sales of up to 18 liters per customer per day.

H.F. 1827 would also allow a microdistillery producing 20,000 proof gallons of spirits per year to self-distribute. Current law allows self-distribution for some small brewers and farm wineries.

Lastly, this bill allows a licensed brewery, winery, farm winery or microdistillery to provide liquor directly to a non-profit that is conducting an alcoholic beverage tasting.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Microdistillery definition. Modifies the definition of microdistillery to include distilleries that produce no more than 100,000 proof gallons of spirits per year. The current limit is 40,000 proof gallons.
2	Off-sale license; microdistilleries Restricts microdistilleries producing more than 40,000 proof gallons of spirits per year under section 1 from obtaining an off-sale license. This section also allows a microdistillery to sell up to 18 liters of spirits per customer per day. The current limit is one 375 milliliter bottle per customer per day.

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3	<p>Permitted interest in wholesaler business.</p> <p>Allows a microdistillery producing no more than 20,000 proof gallons of sprits per year to self-distribute. Under current law, only some small brewers and farm wineries may self-distribute.</p>
4	<p>Temporary on-sale licenses.</p> <p>Allows a municipality to issue a temporary on-sale license to a winery or farm winery for social events conducted in the municipality by a winery or farm winery. Currently, a city may only issue a temporary on-sale license for such events that are sponsored by a small brewer (less than 3,500 barrels of production per year) or microdistillery.</p>
5	<p>Alcoholic beverage tastings.</p> <p>Allows any licensed brewer, winery, farm winery, or microdistillery to provide liquor to a nonprofit conducting an alcoholic beverage tasting and to deliver the liquor directly to the tasting location.</p> <p>Current law only allows wholesalers to provide and deliver liquor to nonprofits for tastings. This current provision is moved into a new subdivision which encompasses both provisions.</p>



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