

Subject Growler sales
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Overview

H.F. 4284 would amend a variety of provisions of law related to off-sale of beer by brew pubs and breweries. The bill would remove the production limit past which a brewery may no longer sell beer at off-sale. In addition, the bill would impose limits on the amount of beer that a brewery may sell at off-sale to a customer each day, based on the production of the brewery.

This bill would also expand the range of containers in which beer could be sold at off-sale by a brew pub or brewery, including cans, but would still allow the refill of growlers meeting the current container size requirements.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Off-sale license. Limits off-sale of growlers by brew-pubs to 384 ounces of beer per customer per day.
2	Brewer off-sale. Subd. 1. License; limitations. Limits off-sale of growlers by breweries based on the production of the brewery. For breweries that brew more than 80,000 barrels per year, the limit is 384 ounces per customer per day. For breweries that brew 80,000 barrels or less per year, the limit is 768 ounces per customer per day. Subd. 2. Prohibition. Eliminates the prohibition on off-sale of beer by breweries that brew more than 20,000 barrels per year.
3	Packaging. This section would allow off-sale of beer by brew pubs and breweries in containers ranging in size from 350 milliliters to 2 liters, including cans, provided that the containers comply with state and federal identity and labelling regulations.

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In addition, the requirements for a band, strip, or sleeve on these containers would be modified to only apply to resealable containers and would not be required to be adhesive or bear the name and address of the brewer.

This section would also allow a brew pub or brewery to continue to refill growlers brought into the brewery by a customer.



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