



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1615

PRINTERS NO. 2308

PRIME SPONSOR: Topper

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	See fiscal impact	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 1615, printer's number 2308, amends the Liquor Code, clarifying that malt or brewed beverages manufactured out of state for breweries must be distributed through the three-tier system.

ANALYSIS: This legislation allows sale of malt and brewed beverages produced by a brewery at its location, or under a contract brewing agreement with an in-state manufacturer or an alternating proprietorship, to be sold to non-licensees and to licensees who are authorized to resell malt or brewed beverages. Malt or brewed beverages produced for a brewery under a contract brewing agreement or alternating proprietorship with an out-of-state manufacturer may only be distributed through the three-tier system.

The bill also allows a brewery located in a second-class city with retail sales prior to June 1, 2017 to sell malt or brewed beverages produced under a contract brewing agreement with an in-state or out-of-state manufacturer to nonlicensees for on-premises or off-premises consumption. If the brewery uses storage locations granted to the brewery for distribution or retail sales, the brewery may only sell malt or brewed beverages through specific importing distributors.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: October 25, 2021

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.