

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 482
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

A recent Texas Legislature enacted legislation to help the craft brew industry meet the increasing demand of that market. According to interested parties, however, there were a number of unintended consequences that occurred once the legislation was implemented. H.B. 482 seeks to address one of these unintended consequences.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 482 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to clarify that the holder of a local class B wholesaler's permit may purchase malt and vinous liquors from the holder of a brewpub license and that the holder of a brewpub license may sell ale and malt liquor to the holder of a general class B wholesaler's permit. The bill includes the holder of a wholesaler's permit among the permit holders to which the holder of a brewpub license is authorized to sell ale and malt liquor and authorizes the holder of a wholesaler's permit to purchase ale and malt liquor from the holder of a brewpub license.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.