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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.)

H.B. 674 of the 133rd General Assembly

Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources

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Provisions removed by the Senate

Removes provisions in the House-passed version that do the following:

1. Provide immunity for liquor permit holders from enforcement measures associated with COVID-19-related orders;

2. Generally allow retail permit holders to sell beer and intoxicating liquor on Sunday during the same hours the sales take place Monday through Saturday (thus, eliminating most statutory limitations on sales of alcohol on Sunday);

3. Allow certain liquor permit holders to conduct 24-hour sales of alcoholic beverages if the sales are approved by local option election;

4. Allows certain liquor permit holders to extend the hours of operation to 4:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday upon obtaining a J liquor permit;

5. Revise the requirements for the creation and administration of an outdoor refreshment area (DORA); and

6. Establish requirements governing the use of social media for beer and intoxicating liquor advertising.

Delivery of spirituous liquor

Allows the Division of Liquor Control to deliver spirituous liquor to personal consumers in original containers pursuant to rules adopted by the Superintendent of Liquor Control.

Intoxicating liquor pods

Treats a pod containing spirituous liquor (more than 21% alcohol by volume [ABV]) as a mixed beverage (.5% to 21% ABV) for regulatory purposes.

Defines "pod" to mean a sealed capsule made from specified materials and to which certain requirements apply, including:

--The alcohol content of the pod exceeds 21% ABV; and

--The beverage that results after processing the capsule has an ABV of .5% to 21%.

Brewpubs

Modifies the exemption that allows a brewpub to operate without a retail food establishment or food service operation license included in the House-passed version by requiring the brewpub to serve "unopened commercially prepackaged meals" rather than "prepackaged meals."

Alcohol consumption in restricted areas of airports

Regarding the provision in the House-passed version that authorizes a person who buys alcohol from a restaurant at a public-use airport (D-5d liquor permit holder) to consume it in the portion of the flight area of the airport, does all of the following:

1. Expands the type of public-use airports to include an airport operated by a municipal corporation;

2. Specifies that the consumption is limited to areas of the airport "terminal" that are restricted to persons taking flights to and from the airport;

3. Specifies that the D-5d permit holder must serve the alcohol in plastic bottles or other plastic containers that clearly identify the permit holder;

4. Specifies that such consumption is not a violation of the Opened Container Law;

5. Specifies that the authorized consumption may only take place in a public-use airport that:

--Has commercial flight activity; and

--Has one or more passenger or property screening checkpoints or restricted areas used by the airport authority or a public agency as a security measure.

Gifts of glassware

Removes provisions in the House-passed version that require both of the following:

1. A permit holder that receives glassware from a manufacturer or supplier to maintain a copy of the receipt provided by the manufacturer or supplier for three years;

2. The permit holder to make the receipt available for inspection during normal business hours.