2019 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Purpose:

1. Increase the penalty for the unlicensed sale of liquor;

2. Add unlicensed sale and unlicensed manufacture of liquor to the list of offenses eligible for civil asset forfeiture;

3. Amend the definition of “organized crime” and “racketeering activity to include the unlicensed sale of liquor.
ACT 115 (HB546 HD2 SD1 CD1)
SMALL CRAFT AND BREWPUB LICENSEEES

Purpose:

1. Allow a class 18 small craft producer pub licensee to manufacture not more than 70 thousand barrels of malt beverages on the licensee’s premises during the license year (increased from 60 thousand barrels);

2. Clarify that a class 14 brewpub licensee or class 18 small craft producer pub licensee may conduct certain activities at satellite locations other than the licensee’s primary manufacturing premises under certain conditions; and

3. Clarify the definition of growler to mean “a recyclable or reusable container that does not exceed one gallon and is securely sealed on the licensee’s premises;
ACT 169 (HB 703 HD1 SD2 CD1)  
CHANGES TO SENTENCING REQUIREMENTS  
FOR OUVII AND HOVUII OFFENSES

Purpose:

1. Amends sentencing requirements for OUVII: threshold is now 10 years (not 5 years); fines increased, revocation period increased;

2. Amends the threshold for HOVUII to two or more convictions within 10 years (formerly threshold was 5 years);

3. Requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to convene a task force to examine and propose legislation that would allow the courts, under certain circumstances, to prohibit a person convicted of OVUII or HOVUII from purchasing or publicly consuming alcohol for a probation period.
ACT 226 (SB 772 HD2 CD1)
BREW TAP REQUIREMENT REPEALED
STANDARDIZATION OF STACKING RULES

- Purpose:

  1. Repeals the requirement that there be attached a clear and legible notice, placard, or marker upon the faucet, spigot, or outlet wherefrom the draught beer is drawn.

  2. Requires rules adopted by the counties related to stacking of beer to refer to a standard serving of total volume that shall not exceed thirty-two ounces of total volume before a customer at any one time.
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