

Committee on Regulated Industries

CS/HB 1265 — Alcoholic Beverages

by Commerce Committee; and Rep. Miller, M. and others (SB 922 by Senators Bean and Brandes)

The bill allows an operator of intrastate railroads or sleeping cars to purchase or sell liquor without the limitation in current law permitting such licensee to only purchase and sell liquor in miniature bottles of not more than two ounces.

An operator of interstate railroads or sleeping cars remains subject to the limitation in current law limiting the purchase and sale of liquor in miniature bottles of not more than two ounces.

The bill also limits, to an operator of interstate railroads or sleeping cars, the requirement in current law to keep alcoholic beverages intended for sale on passenger trains separate from alcoholic beverages intended for sale in a railroad transit station.

In current law, an alcoholic beverage license issued to an operator of railroads and sleeping cars is good throughout the state for the sale of beer, wine, or liquor for consumption on any dining, club, parlor, buffet, or observation car of a passenger train operated by the licensee.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 37-1; House 112-2