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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 379

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 379 would amend the Liquor Control Act to remove the one-year residency requirement for microbrewery, microdistillery, and farm winery licensees. Microbrewery, microdistillery, and farm winery licensees would still be required to be Kansas residents.

Background

At the hearing before the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, a representative of the Kansas Grape Growers and Winemakers Association and Somerset Ridge Vineyard and Winery testified in favor of the bill. The conferee stated his belief that the one-year residency requirement has a chilling effect on the ability of current farm winery owners to sell their business because it eliminates the pool of out-of-state buyers from consideration.

A representative of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) provided neutral testimony on the bill. He noted that microbrewery and microdistillery licensees, as well as farm winery licensees, are subject to the one-year residency requirement. He stated that ABC was not opposed to removing the one-year residency requirements for all three categories of licensees.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The Senate Committee amended the bill to remove the one-year residency requirement for microbrewery and microdistillery licensees, in addition to farm winery licensees.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the original version of the bill states the Department of Revenue indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.