

HB 2159 -- LICENSES FOR MICROBREWERIES

SPONSOR: Rhoads

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Small Business by a vote of 14 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Commerce by a vote of 8 to 1.

This bill authorizes microbreweries to sell all kinds of intoxicating liquor by the drink at retail for consumption on the premises of the microbrewery or in close proximity to the microbrewery. The bill also repeals a provision that requires that the fee-collecting authority for cities and counties and all other laws relating to the sale of liquor by the drink for consumption on the premises where sold apply to a microbrewer's license in the same manner as they apply to certain other licensed establishments.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow microbreweries to sell individual drinks on, and close to, the premises of the microbrewery without being deceitful about the alcohol content of the individual drinks.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Rhoads.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.