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2011 AMENDMENTS TO KANSAS LIQUOR LAWS
Effective April 28, 2011

The 2011 Legislature passed Senate Bill 80, which amends the liquor control act and the cereal malt beverage act. The bill was signed by the governor and became effective on April 28, 2011, when it was published in the Kansas Register.

Following are the changes made by the bill:

K.S.A. 41-102 was amended to change the definition of "domestic beer". Domestic beer may now contain not more than 10 percent alcohol by weight. The previous alcohol content limit was eight percent alcohol by weight.

K.S.A. 41-308b was amended to allow a microbrewery to serve free samples of beer off the licensed premises at special events monitored and regulated by the ABC. The beer must have been manufactured by the microbrewery and the premises where the samples are being served must be in county where liquor by the individual drink may be sold.

K.S.A. 41-2703 was amended to allow cities and counties to issue special event retailers' permits to qualified applicants, authorizing the permit holders to sell and serve cereal malt beverage for consumption on unlicensed premises for temporary events. Each permit must specify the duration and location of the event. No more than four permits may be issued to any one applicant in a calendar year.

Kegs sold to the holder of a special event retailers' permit are exempt from the keg registration act.

The bill may be viewed on the Kansas Legislature's Web page at http://kslegislature.org/li/

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