

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1715</b>
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<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Marti</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

**Research Analysis**

The conference committee substitute for HB 1715, defines seltzer and modifies the definition of beer to mean any beverage containing more than 0.5% of alcohol by volume and obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction of barley, or other grain, sugar, malt or similar products.

The measure adds cider to the list of products a brewer may manufacture, sell, and serve at events attended by the public. The measure allows for the holder of a small brewer license to purchase from other licensed brewers within the state, and to import beer into the state for use in manufacturing.

Additionally, the measure authorizes brewer, small brewer, winemaker, distiller, or small farm winery licensees to host off-site events following the submission and approval of an application to the ABLE Commission, and allows for persons under twenty-one (21) years of age to be anywhere on the premises of an event except for the serving area. The measure also expands the list of eligible events to also include:

- Farmers markets
- Boat shows
- RV shows
- Home & Garden shows
- Fairs
- Car shows
- Swap meets
- City events
- County events
- State events

The measure modifies the procedures that must be in place for a brewer to terminate a distributor agreement with any beer distributor to include requiring the brewer to establish good cause for such termination, and authorizes the arbitration panel to order that 100% of arbitration costs be paid by the smaller brewer if the panel determines that the small brewer's payment upon termination was not a good-faith estimate of the fair market value.

The measure modifies licensing costs for Small Brewer, and Winemaker Self-Distribution Licenses.

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### **Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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### **Other Considerations**

None.

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