

HB 2409 -- INTOXICATING LIQUOR

SPONSOR: Fraker

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill specifies that any person, firm, or corporation who owns and operates more than one premise licensed to sell intoxicating liquor at retail may, with the permission of the supervisor of liquor control, designate one or more places in this state as a central warehouse in which liquor, except beer and other malt liquor, purchased from a wholesaler may be delivered and stored. The liquor stored in such warehouses may then be transferred to any premise in the state licensed to sell intoxicating liquor at retail which is owned and operated by the same person, firm, or corporation.

This bill is similar to SB 664 (2018) and HB 1141 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill doesn't interfere with the three-tier system, it just makes things easier for retailers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fraker; Missouri Retailers Association; and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that beer is not included because of its limited shelf life.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Beer Wholesalers Association.