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2014 AMENDMENTS TO KANSAS LIQUOR LAWS

The 2014 Legislature passed House Bill 2223 which amends the liquor control act. Governor Brownback signed the bill into law on April 17th. It is important to note the bill is effective when it is published in the Kansas Register. Therefore, it will go into effect much earlier than typical, i.e., before July 1st. The Secretary of State's Office publishes the Kansas Register each Thursday so the bill could become effective as early as April 24th.

The following changes were made:

1. Homemade fermented beverages may be provided to guests and judges at a contest or competition so long as no compensation is provided to the maker either for producing the beverage or allowing its consumption. The term "guest" is defined as a natural person known to the host and who received a private invitation to the event conducted by the host. That definition of "guest" is restricted to this section only. Prior to this change, homemakers of beer and wine were limited to serving their product to family members only. Amends K.S.A. 41-104.
2. The production cap on microbreweries is raised from the current 15,000 barrels per year to 30,000 barrels. The cap is now applied to a calendar year rather than a license year given that licenses are now valid for two years rather than one. Amends K.S.A. 41-308b.
3. Farm wineries are allowed to participate in free tastings at retail liquor stores. Amends K.S.A. 41-311.
4. The U.S. citizenship requirement to be eligible for a liquor license is modified to merely require citizenship rather than requiring it for 10 years. Amends K.S.A. 41-311.

The bill can be accessed at http://kslegislature.org/li/b2013_14/measures/documents/hb2223_enrolled.pdf

ABC SYSTEMS UPGRADE AROUND THE CORNER

During this upcoming summer, we will roll out our new ABC POSSE system that will provide online licensing and streamline ABC business processes.

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