Cereal Malt Beverages

SB 80 allows microbreweries to raise the content of micro-brewed beer from eight to ten percent alcohol by weight. The bill also allows microbreweries to serve domestic beer, free of charge, at special events monitored and regulated by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

In addition, the bill allows the board of county commissioners or the governing body of any city to issue a temporary special event retailer's permit which allows a temporary permit holder to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption, subject to the following conditions:

- The permit would be issued for the duration of the special event;
- No more than four permits may be issued to one applicant in a calendar year;
- The permit must specify the premises for which it is issued and include the dates and hours the special event will take place; and
- The permit cannot be transferred.

The bill exempts the temporary permit holder from the Keg Registration Act requirements.

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