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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Estes and Members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 28, 2018

RE: House Bill 2476

HB 2476 would amend K.S.A. 41-102 and 41-308b concerning definitions in the Kansas liquor control act and microbrewery licenses. The bill would define "alcoholic candy" as any candy or other confectionary product with an alcohol content greater than 0.5% alcohol by volume. The term would be included in the definition of "alcoholic liquor."

Alcoholic candy would be subject to regulation by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Kansas Department of Revenue and retailers would be required to have a liquor license to sell alcoholic candy products.

The bill also would amend the definition of "domestic beer" to allow licensed microbrewers in Kansas to produce beer containing up to 15% alcohol by weight. Current law prohibits microbrewers from producing beer with more than 10% alcohol by weight.

The bill would allow a microbrewery licensee to sell beer manufactured by the licensee in refillable and sealable containers to consumers for off-premises consumption. The containers would be required to contain at least 32, but less than 64, fluid ounces of beer. Licensees would be required to affix labels to all containers sold, which would include the licensee's name and the name and type of beer in the container.