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BILL SUMMARY

- Changes the definition of "beer" to include explicitly ale, porter, stout, sake, and other fermented beverages brewed or produced from malt or malt substitutes.
- Removes statutory references to "malt," "malt liquor," "malt beverages," and certain other related beverages.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Change in the definition of "beer"

The current Liquor Control Law defines "beer," "malt liquor," and "malt beverages" *all in the same way*: as including all brewed or fermented malt products containing one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume but not more than six per cent of alcohol by weight. The bill revises this definition by defining "beer" *alone* to mean beer, ale, porter, stout, and other similar fermented beverages, including sake or similar products, of any name or description, that contain one-half of one per cent or more of alcohol by volume and that are brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part, or from any product used as a substitute for malt. (Sec. 4303.01(B)(2).)

Conforming changes

The bill amends various sections of the Liquor Control Law, the Liquor Permit Law, and other sections of the Revised Code to remove references to "malt," "malt liquor," and "malt beverages" and references to related beverages such as "ale," "porter," and "stout," since the bill includes these beverages within the new definition of "beer." Occasionally, when the bill removes references to these beverages, it substitutes a reference to "beer"; but, if "beer" currently is

referred to in the context of a section, that substitution is unnecessary. (Secs. 1333.82(A), 1502.07, 3719.44(I), 4301.03(D) and (I), 4301.041, 4301.042, 4301.24, 4301.241, 4301.42, 4301.47, 4301.54, 4301.55, 4303.01, 4303.02, 4303.06, 4303.22, 4303.30, 4303.332, 4303.35, 4305.01, 4305.03, 4305.04, 4399.15, 5733.065(A)(1), and 5739.02(B)(43).)

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