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LD 1906 An Act To Streamline and Modernize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 622 makes the following changes to the State's liquor laws.

1. It requires the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to adopt, through routine technical rulemaking, a procedure for a spirits supplier to request an adjudicatory hearing for reconsideration of a retail price determination made by the commission.
2. It requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters by January 15, 2023 that describes the process by which the commission establishes the retail price of spirits sold in the State; describes the process by which the bureau develops recommended retail prices for the commission's consideration; explains how any pricing formula or calculator employed by the bureau to establish such recommended retail prices operates; and informs the committee of the status of the commission's establishment of a process for a spirits supplier to seek a reconsideration of a commission retail price determination. The committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the 131st Legislature in 2023.
3. Under current law, the bureau must enter into a contract with a trade association representing states that control and manage the sale of spirits for the monthly collection of data, by product code, on spirits sales made by each reselling agent to establishments licensed to sell spirits for on-premises consumption. Public Law 2021, chapter 622 requires the trade association to compile this data and make available aggregate data, by product code, on the monthly sales made by reselling agents to establishments licensed to sell spirits for on-premises consumption. It also requires the bureau to provide to the same trade association monthly data, by product code, on aggregate spirits sales made by the State to agency liquor stores. The trade association must make this data available to spirits suppliers.
4. It updates and streamlines the procedures for purchase order forms that bonded and unbonded wholesale licensees must fill out when ordering malt liquor or wine.

LD 1914 An Act To Allow Wine Retailers with 2 or More Licensed Facilities To Freely Transfer Wine between Approved Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 546 makes technical changes to add clarity to the provision of law that, as a general rule, prohibits an off-premises retailer from selling or transferring malt liquor or wine to another retailer.