

Senate Commerce Committee

Aaron Jones 271-2609

HB 242, relative to brew pub licenses.

Hearing Date: April 8, 2025

Time Opened: 11:40 a.m.

Time Closed: 11:45 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Innis, McGough, Fenton and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Ricciardi and Murphy

Bill Analysis: This bill enables the holder of a brew pub license to hold an on-premises or off-premises license under certain conditions.

This bill is a request of the liquor commission.

Sponsors:
Rep. Hunt

Who supports the bill: Representative John Hunt, Mike Somers (NHLRA), Mark Armaganian (NHLC), Matt Culver (NHLC), Chris Brown (BDNH)

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative John Hunt

- This bill went back to the three-tier system, which includes manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.
- Representative Hunt said brew pubs, however, flew in the face of the three-tier system.
 - Originally, it was a concept that allowed brew pubs to make their own beer.
 - There are individuals who have multiple restaurant locations, and they would like their beer to be distributed to them.
 - As long as the brew pub stayed within the caps of how much they could produce, Representative Hunt said there would be no problem.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 11, 2025