

March 10, 2005

S 476. REGULATE SALE OF MALT BEVERAGE KEGS. *REGULATING THE SALE OF KEGS CONTAINING MALT BEVERAGE.* Adds new GS 18B-1010 as title indicates. Kegs sold to anyone other than a hotel, restaurant, or private club must be marked with coded tag (specifics of details required on tag are listed in the bill). Purchaser must complete form with identifying information and must return keg and tag to retailer. Specifies reporting requirements of retailers and wholesalers. Assesses \$50 security deposit on each keg sold, to be refunded if keg and tag returned. Makes failure to return keg, removal of coded tag, or possession of keg without tag a Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by minimum fine of \$50, imprisonment, or both, in the court's discretion. Specifies that permit may be revoked if permittee fails to comply with applicable keg registration provisions. Specifies that compliance with provision is defense to criminal proceeding or administrative or civil action for violation of new keg registration laws. Effective December 1, 2005, for offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Graham.

Ref. to Commerce

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