

1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of the Subcommittee  
2 on Alcoholic Beverage Issues of the Interim Joint Committee on Licensing, Occupations,  
3 and Administrative Regulations.

4           WHEREAS, some feel that Kentucky's alcoholic beverage laws are antiquated and  
5 unnecessarily confusing; and

6           WHEREAS, the alcoholic beverage industry generates vital economic benefits for  
7 the state through tourist attractions such as the Bourbon Trail, the creation of thousands  
8 of jobs, and licensing and taxation that enhance state and local revenues; and

9           WHEREAS, small-scale producers of alcoholic beverages in Kentucky, such as  
10 craft distilleries, small farm wineries, and microbreweries, are experiencing an upward  
11 trajectory of sales and success; and

12           WHEREAS, converging factors within the industry, in other states, and with  
13 consumer preferences indicate that revision of KRS Chapters 241 to 244 could be  
14 beneficial;

15           NOW, THEREFORE,

16 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
17 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

18           ➔Section 1. There is created the Alcoholic Beverage Issues Subcommittee of the  
19 Interim Joint Committee on Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations to  
20 study the structure, intent, and effect of Kentucky alcoholic beverage laws as expressed in  
21 KRS Chapters 241 to 244. The subcommittee shall consist of 12 members as follows:

22           (1) Six members of the Senate Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative  
23 Regulations Committee, consisting of the Chair, who shall serve as co-chair of the  
24 subcommittee, three members of the majority party appointed by the President of the  
25 Senate, and two members of the minority party appointed by the Minority Floor Leader.

26           (2) Six members of the House Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative  
27 Regulations Committee, consisting of the Chair, who shall serve as co-chair of the

1 subcommittee, three members of the majority party appointed by the Speaker of the  
2 House, and two members of the minority party appointed by the Minority Floor Leader.

3 (3) Proposed subcommittee membership shall be submitted by the co-chairs  
4 to the Legislative Research Commission for consideration and approval.

5 ➔Section 2. The subcommittee is authorized to meet each time on the same  
6 meeting date as the Interim Joint Committee on Licensing, Occupations, and  
7 Administrative Regulations throughout the 2017 Interim. The first meeting shall be no  
8 later than June 30, 2017.

9 ➔Section 3. Within its discretion, the subcommittee may hear testimony from any  
10 relevant parties.

11 ➔Section 4. The Governor is requested through designees to make  
12 recommendations to the subcommittee for its consideration. The Governor shall designate  
13 executive branch employees with expertise in the various areas to be studied by the  
14 subcommittee to present data, research, and testimony to the subcommittee.

15 ➔Section 5. The subcommittee shall submit a memorandum containing its  
16 recommendations to the Interim Joint Committee on Licensing, Occupations, and  
17 Administrative Regulations by December 1, 2017. The subcommittee shall cease to exist  
18 on December 1, 2017, unless the Legislative Research Commission assigns a different  
19 completion date.

20 ➔Section 6. Provisions of Sections 1 to 5 of this Concurrent Resolution to the  
21 contrary notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority  
22 to alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or  
23 subcommittee thereof and to designate a study completion date.