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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Barker
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Chris Waggoner, Assistant Revisor

Date: March 15, 2017

Subject: HB 2366 – Amending the beer and cereal malt beverage keg registration act to include hard cider

House Bill No. 2366 (HB 2366) amends the Beer and Cereal Malt Beverage Keg Registration Act. In the 2016 Legislative Session, Senate Bill No. 326 (SB 326) was enacted. SB 326 allowed for the production and distribution of hard cider by microbreweries. The definition of hard cider was also added at that time.

HB 2366 was originally requested by the Department of Revenue as a clean-up bill to reflect the changes made by SB 326. HB 2366 includes hard cider in the requirements of the newly named Keg Registration Act by inserting the term hard cider where it is appropriate. Additionally, for the purposes of the Keg Registration Act, the term “retailer” includes microbreweries and farm wineries. Finally, the bill also makes technical changes to replace all statutory references to the Beer and Cereal Malt Beverage Keg Registration Act with the Keg Registration Act. The bill makes no other changes to the statutes or regulations relating to the production of alcoholic liquor.

If enacted, the provisions of HB 2366 would be effective on July 1, 2017.