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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Risser

From: Aaron Gary, Legislative Attorney, (608) 261-6926

Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2007 SB 224** (LRB-1983/2) by **DOR**

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file.

If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

MEMORANDUM

July 10, 2007

TO: Aaron Gary, Legislative Attorney
Legislative Reference Bureau

FROM: Paul Ziegler
Department of Revenue

SUBJECT: Technical Memorandum on Senate Bill 224 - Creating a Brewpub Permit and Limiting Certain Operations of Brewers

The Department of Revenue has several concerns regarding the provisions of SB 224:

1. Some clarification may be needed as to whether or not each Class "B" retail premises in a "brewpub group" needs to actually brew beer. An amendment to clarify the intent of the bill may be necessary.
2. The bill does not define "bottle" in providing authority for brewpubs to bottle beer. The bill may be clarified including a cross reference to the definition in s.139.01 (1).
3. The bill takes effective 30 days after publication. Since the Department of Revenue must implement the new brewpub permit, including the revision of forms, possible creation of new forms, and providing applicants with instructions, it would be preferable that the bill take effect 90 days after publication. Extending this time period to 90 days would also provide brewers eligible for the new permit additional time to comply with the bill's provisions.

If you have any questions regarding this technical memorandum, please contact Paul Ziegler at 266-5773.

cc: Senator Risser