

## Committee on Regulated Industries

### **HB 1459 — Registration Fees for Malt Beverage Brands and Labels**

by Rep. Yeager and others (SB 658 by Senator Burgess)

The bill limits the application of the annual malt beverage brand and label registration fee of \$30 to brands and labels for malt beverages sold to a distributor. Under the bill, the malt beverage manufacturers would not be required to register a brand or label for a malt beverage and pay the \$30 registration fee if the malt beverage is not sold to a distributor and is sold directly to the consumer at the manufacturer's licensed premises.

Current law requires manufacturers, brewers, bottlers, distributors, and importers of malt beverages, whether licensed under Florida's laws or not, to register their name and the brands and labels of their malt beverages with the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation before the malt beverages may be sold or offered for sale in Florida, or move or cause to be moved within or into Florida.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

*Vote: Senate 38-1; House 116-0*