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Alcohol Industry Background Memo for Economic Affairs Committee Meeting

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Fiscal Year 2015 Shipments from State Liquor Warehouse:

- 776,745 cases of distilled spirits and fortified wines;
- 3.16% more cases than in FY 2014;
- Sales value of more than \$131 million, an increase of 5.49% over FY 2014.

Licensees - Approximately 2,350

Legislation Affecting Alcohol Division in 2015:

- **HB 350** - expanding the number of individuals a vendor may employ for promoting products within Montana.
- **HB 506** - allowing distilleries producing less than 25,000 gallons of liquor a year to deliver their product directly to agency liquor stores instead of first shipping to the warehouse. Effective Jan. 1, 2016.
- **SB 193** - revising the way commissions are provided to agency liquor stores and setting the statutory markup at 40.5% when the department calculates the posted price.

License Types and Renewal Fees

- **On-Premises Consumption Retail License**
 - County All-Beverage License (nonfloating licenses include gaming) - \$400
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 - Beer License (gaming licenses available if obtained prior to 1997) - \$200
 - Beer License with Wine Amendment (for gaming, same as beer license) - \$400
 - Restaurant Beer and Wine License - \$400
 - Veterans Club - County License - \$250
 - Veterans Club - City License - \$250 - \$650
 - Golf Course Beer and Wine License - \$400
 - Resort All-Beverages License - \$2,000
 - Tour Boat Endorsement on Resort All-Beverages License - \$200
 - Airport All-Beverages License - \$0 renewal (cost for new license and application)
 - Passenger Carrier (Railroad/Airline) - \$300
 - NonProfit Arts Organization Beer/Wine - \$250
 - Catering Endorsement (on Beer/Wine License) - \$200
 - Catering Endorsement (on Restaurant Beer and Wine License) - \$200
 - Catering Endorsement (on All-Beverages License) - \$250
 - Wine Amendment to Beer License - \$200
- **Off-Premises Retail Licenses**
 - Sacramental Wine License - \$50
 - Beer License - \$200
 - Wine License - \$200
 - Beer and Wine License - \$400
- **Brewery/Winery/Distillery Licenses**
 - Brewery Producing Less than 20,000 barrels a year - \$200
 - Brewery Producing More than 20,000 barrels a year - \$500
 - Brewery Storage Depot - \$500

- Winery License - \$200
- Winery Registration - \$0 to \$400
- Direct Shipment Endorsement - \$50
- Distillery License - \$600
- Vendor (entity that sells distilled spirits to the Department) - \$100
- Vendor Representative - \$50 each *(updated information)*
- **Wholesaler/Distributor/Importer**
 - Beer Wholesaler - \$400
 - Beer Wholesaler Subwarehouse - \$400
 - Table Wine Distributor - \$400
 - Table Wine Distributor Subwarehouse - \$400
 - Wine Importer - \$0 to \$400
 - Beer Wholesale/Table Wine Distributor - \$800
 - Beer Wholesaler/Table Wine Distributor Subwarehouse - \$800
- **Connoisseur**
 - Beer Connoisseur - \$25
- **Special Permits**
 - Special Permit to Sell Beer and Wine - \$10 a day
 - Special Permit to Sell All-Beverages - \$20 a day
 - Permit to Sell Beer and Wine (Sports Season) - \$1,000 for a season.