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retail licenses, and fee restructuring. First, the bill restructures retail licenses and fees. Currently, there are the following classes of retail liquor license authorized by the act. The classes are an A, B, C, D, D-1, E, F, H, I, J, and K, and bottle club licenses. LB 485 restructures the current license and repeals some of them in order to keep five classes of retail license. They would be an A, B, C, D, and an I. The other classes of license are repealed. Class A license would remain allowing beer-only sales for consumption on-premises, but the restriction allowing for these licenses only in municipalities is removed. The fee for a Class A license is changed to \$100. Currently, the fee varies between \$10 and \$100, depending on the size of the city. Class B license would remain allowing for beer only sales for consumption off-premises, but the fee is raised from \$25 to \$100. Class C license remains allowing for sale of alcoholic liquor for on-premise and off-premise consumption, but the restrictions allowing for these licenses only in municipalities is removed. The Class C license fee is raised from \$250 to \$300. That is the most common license we have. The Class D would stay allowing for sales of alcoholic liquor for off-premise consumption, but the restrictions allowing for these licenses only in municipalities would be removed. The Class D license fee is raised from \$150 to \$200. Finally, the Class I license will remain allowing for sale of alcoholic liquor, but the restrictions allowing for these licenses only be in municipalities is removed. The fee for a Class I license is raised from \$200 to \$250. License transitions: LB 845 (sic) makes changes throughout the act to remove references to the repealed classes of license and changes reference to the new type of license when necessary. A new Section 14 is added to handle the transition of the licenses. It states that on May 1, 2004, those holding a D-1 or K license would get a Class D license. Those holding F would get an A. Those holding a Class H, J or bottle club would get a Class I license. It also makes clear that any condition placed on the license by a local governing body prior to the date will continue to apply. May 1 was chosen since the licenses that will be transitioned are annual and run from May 1 to April 30 of each year. Wholesale license fees: Next, LB 485 raises beer wholesale license from \$250 to \$500 and raises alcoholic liquor wholesalers license