

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

2 INTRODUCED BY CLARK, ARNTZEN, BLASDEL, BLEWETT, ECK, FACEY, GREEF, HILL, JERGESON,  
 3 KARY, KEANE, KNUDSEN, LARSEN, MALEK, MCCARTHY, MCCLAFFERTY, MILLER, PIERSON,  
 4 POMNICHOWSKI, SCHREINER, SCHWADERER, SESSO, SONJU, STEENBERG, VAN DYK,  
 5 WANZENRIED, WELBORN, WOODS  
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7 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
 8 MONTANA REQUESTING A LEGISLATIVE INTERIM STUDY REGARDING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE  
 9 ALCOHOL CONTROL CODE IN TITLE 16, MCA, INVOLVING LICENSING AND PRIVILEGES FOR RETAILERS,  
 10 BREWERS, WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS, AND OTHERS, PROMOTING NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE  
 11 THREE TIERS OF THE ALCOHOL INDUSTRY, AND REQUESTING THAT FINDINGS AND  
 12 RECOMMENDATIONS BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.  
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14 WHEREAS, THE 21ST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ALLOWS EACH STATE TO CREATE  
 15 AND MODIFY, AS NEEDED FROM TIME TO TIME, A UNIQUE SYSTEM FOR THE CONTROL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND

16 WHEREAS, MONTANA, THE OTHER 49 STATES, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVE ALL RECOGNIZED THAT  
 17 ALCOHOL IS A UNIQUE PRODUCT AND REQUIRES CAREFUL REGULATION; AND

18 WHEREAS, MONTANA HAS ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THAT THE CORE PURPOSES OF THE 21ST AMENDMENT ARE  
 19 TO PROMOTE TEMPERANCE, TO MAINTAIN AN ORDERLY MARKET, TO AID IN THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, AND TO PROMOTE  
 20 THE PUBLIC POLICY OF RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION; AND

21 WHEREAS, Title 16 of the Montana Code Annotated addresses the control and management of alcoholic  
 22 beverages in the state and has evolved over time to address changes in licensees, ~~new~~ PRIVILEGES FOR  
 23 LICENSEES, products, business relationships, and ~~management practices~~ THE NEED FOR REGULATION TO PROTECT  
 24 SOCIETY AND THE CAREFUL BALANCE OF THE ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THE THREE TIERS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
 25 INDUSTRY; and

26 WHEREAS, Montana's alcoholic beverage ~~manufacturing~~ businesses now include brewers, distillers, and  
 27 wineries, DISTRIBUTORS, AND RETAILERS who ~~have grown to be~~ ARE ALL significant economic contributors and offer  
 28 various products for retail and wholesale sales; and

29 WHEREAS, Montana retail license holders, distributors, and manufacturers have common interests in  
 30 a well-managed alcohol control system that meets the needs of Montanans and the visiting public; and

