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ITEM 209-2006-R1123

Request for Authorization to Obtain an Academic Brewer License; Montana State University

THAT

The Montana University System Board of Regents provides authorization to Montana State University to obtain an Academic Brewer License Small Brewer Exemption in Accordance with MCA 16-4-314.

EXPLANATION

Montana State University's Barley, Malt and Brewing Laboratory's primary mission is to create new barley varieties for utilization by Montana farmers and conduct malting and barley education and research to benefit Montana malting and barley industries.

MSU's Barley, Malt and Brewing Laboratory is in the process of obtaining an Academic Brewer License, in accordance with MCA 16-4-314, to increase educational, research, and outreach efforts to Montana's malting and brewing industries which will contribute to the advancement of MSU's academic program and further elevate the reputation of MSU in the scientific fields of barley, malting, and brewing.

MSU's Barley, Malt and Brewing Laboratory, located on MSU's main campus in Room 231 of the Plant Biosciences Building ((MCA 16-4-314 3(b)), has purchased and installed the necessary brewing equipment. Two employees will have responsibility for complying with the academic brewer's license ((MCA 16-4-314 3(c)) and will be required to meet the criminal background requirements under MCA 16-4-414.

MSU will manage and be responsible for all aspects of the brewing operations in the MSU Barley, Malt and Brewing Laboratory, while ensuring compliance with the appropriate federal and state laws and regulations governing alcohol production.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: House Bill 31