



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 333**

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Substitute House Bill No. 7138

*House of Representatives, April 4, 2007*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. STONE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING MANUFACTURER PERMITS FOR BREW PUBS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 30-16 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (f) A manufacturer permit for a brew pub shall be in all respects the  
5 same as a manufacturer permit for beer and additionally shall allow  
6 the manufacture, storage and bottling of beer, the retail sale of  
7 alcoholic liquor to be consumed on the premises with or without the  
8 sale of food, and the selling at retail from the premises of sealed bottles  
9 or other sealed containers of beer brewed on such premises for  
10 consumption off the premises, provided that the holder of a  
11 manufacturer permit for a brew pub produces at least five thousand  
12 gallons of beer on the premises annually. Such selling at retail from the  
13 premises of sealed bottles or other sealed containers shall comply with  
14 the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 and shall permit not

15 more than eight liters of beer to be sold to any person on any day on  
16 which such sale is authorized under the provisions of subsection (d) of  
17 section 30-91. The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a brew pub  
18 shall be two hundred forty dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-16(f)

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

This bill allows brew pubs to act as beer manufacturers, and there is no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 7138*****AN ACT CONCERNING MANUFACTURER PERMITS FOR BREW PUBS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows brew pubs, which manufacture beer, to act as other beer manufacturers in addition to their abilities as a brew pub.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Beer Manufacturers***

The law allows beer manufacturers to manufacture, store, bottle, and wholesale beer that it makes or bottles to liquor permittees. A liquor permit to manufacture beer is the same in all respects as a permit to manufacture liquor, except that it is limited to beer. In addition, its holder may offer free beer samples to visitors who have toured the premises. Finally, a beer manufacturer may sell limited amounts of beer (eight liters per person per day) in sealed containers at retail for off-premises consumption on the same days and during the same hours that a package store may sell. The law requires the Department of Consumer Protection to inspect and approve the premises before issuing a permit.

Its holder is entitled to apply for and receive (1) an out-of-state shipper's permit for its plants and warehouses outside of the state if certain conditions are met and (2) a wholesaler permit. The annual permit fee is \$800.

***Brew Pubs***

The law allows a brew pub to manufacture, store, and bottle beer and to sell alcoholic liquor (alcohol, beer, spirits, and wine) at retail for

on-premises consumption and to sell limited amounts (eight liters per person per day) for off-premises consumption. To hold a permit, a brew pub must make at least 5,000 gallons of beer on the premises each year. It may sell for on-premises consumption on the same days and during the same hours that a restaurant may sell liquor. A brew pub may sell for off-premises consumption on the same days and during the same hours that a package store may sell. The annual permit fee is \$240.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/14/2007)