



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 967

LCO No. 3599

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING PACKAGE STORES AND FEE-BASED WINE TASTINGS AND CLASSES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 30-20 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2009*):

4 (a) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic
5 liquor not to be consumed on the premises, such sales to be made only
6 in sealed bottles or other containers. The holder of a package store
7 permit may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the
8 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to the provisions of
9 chapter 54, offer free or fee-based samples of alcoholic liquor for
10 tasting on the premises, conduct fee-based wine education and tasting
11 classes and demonstrations and conduct tastings or demonstrations
12 provided by a permittee or backer of a package store for a nominal
13 charge to charitable nonprofit organizations. Any offering, tasting
14 wine education class or demonstration held on permit premises shall
15 be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell
16 alcoholic liquor under section 30-91. No store operating under a

17 package store permit shall sell any commodity other than alcoholic
18 liquor except that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, such
19 store may sell (1) cigarettes, (2) publications, (3) bar utensils, which
20 shall include, but need not be limited to, corkscrews, beverage
21 strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume or related to
22 the consumption of alcoholic liquor, (4) gift packages of alcoholic
23 liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper,
24 which may include a nonalcoholic item in the gift package that may be
25 any item, except food or tobacco products, provided the dollar value of
26 the nonalcoholic items does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic
27 items of the package, (5) nonalcoholic beverages, (6) concentrates used
28 in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (7) beer and wine-
29 making kits and products related to beer and wine-making kits, (8) ice
30 in any form, (9) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related
31 to the alcoholic liquor industry, (10) gift baskets or other containers of
32 alcoholic liquor, (11) multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, as defined
33 in subdivision (3) of section 30-1, provided in all such cases the
34 minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, and
35 (12) lottery tickets authorized by the Division of Special Revenue, if
36 licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by said division. A package
37 store permit shall also allow the taking and transmitting of orders for
38 delivery of such merchandise in other states. Notwithstanding any
39 other provision of law, a package store permit shall allow the
40 participation in any lottery ticket promotion or giveaway sponsored by
41 the Division of Special Revenue. The annual fee for a package store
42 permit shall be four hundred dollars plus the sum required by section
43 30-66.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2009 | 30-20(a) |

Statement of Purpose:

To allow package store liquor permit holders to conduct fee-based wine tastings and classes on their premises.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]