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Substitute Senate Bill No. 183

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RETAIL WINE SELLERS AND WINE-RELATED 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 2010 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

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 samples of alcoholic liquor for tasting on the
10 premises, conduct fee-based wine education and tasting classes and
11 demonstrations and conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a
12 permittee or backer of a package store for a nominal charge to
13 charitable nonprofit organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine
14 education class or demonstration held on permit premises shall be

15 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 five hundred dollars plus the sum required by section
 43 30-66.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2010	30-20(a)

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill has no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill allows package store permit holders to conduct wine education and tasting classes for a fee during the hours they are allowed to sell alcohol. It authorizes the consumer protection commissioner to adopt regulations on the conduct of such classes. Current law permits the commissioner to regulate free alcohol samples for tastings and demonstrations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 1 (03/04/2010)