



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6447**

LCO No. 3739

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**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 general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2011*):

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 and tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises  
15 shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted  
16 to sell 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	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	30-20(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow fee-based wine education and tasting classes to be conducted on package store 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.]*