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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:

(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT WINE FESTIVALS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-37l of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) A wine festival permit shall allow the holder of a manufacturer
4 permit for a farm winery, issued pursuant to section 30-16, to
5 participate in a wine festival organized and sponsored by an
6 association that promotes the manufacturing and selling of farm wine
7 in this state or such association's not-for-profit subsidiary. Such
8 association or such association's not-for-profit subsidiary shall not
9 organize and sponsor more than [one] two such wine [festival]
10 festivals in any calendar year. The Commissioner of Consumer
11 Protection shall allow only [one] two such wine [festival] festivals in
12 any calendar year, regardless of the number of such farm winery
13 permittees or such organizing and sponsoring associations or not-for-
14 profit subsidiaries participating in such wine [festival] festivals.

15 (b) A wine festival permit shall authorize: (1) The sale and shipment
16 of wine manufactured by the farm winery permittee and sold at such

17 wine festival to persons outside the state; (2) the offering and tasting of
18 free samples of wine to visitors and prospective retail customers for
19 consumption on the grounds of the wine festival; (3) the sale at retail of
20 sealed bottles or other sealed containers of wine for consumption off
21 the grounds of the wine festival; and (4) the sale at retail of wine by the
22 glass or receptacle, provided the glass or receptacle is embossed or
23 otherwise permanently labeled with the name and date of the wine
24 festival.

25 (c) No farm winery permittee may sell, offer or give to any person
26 or entity wine not manufactured by such farm winery.

27 (d) Only [one] two wine festival [permit] permits may be issued per
28 calendar year pursuant to this section by the Commissioner of
29 Consumer Protection to each holder of a manufacturer permit for a
30 farm winery. A wine festival permit shall not be effective for more
31 than three consecutive days per calendar year. The fee for a wine
32 festival permit shall be seventy-five dollars.

33 Sec. 2. Section 30-37m of the general statutes is repealed and the
34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

35 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 30-18a, an out-of-state
36 person or entity holding a valid permit (1) authorizing the
37 manufacturing of farm wine; and (2) issued by another state may
38 obtain an out-of-state entity wine festival permit, to participate in an
39 out-of-state entity wine festival in this state. The Commissioner of
40 Consumer Protection shall only allow [one] two out-of-state entity
41 wine [festival] festivals in any calendar year, regardless of the number
42 of out-of-state entities participating in such [festival] festivals.

43 (b) An out-of-state entity wine festival permit shall authorize in this
44 state: (1) The sale and shipment of wine manufactured by the
45 permittee and sold at such festival to persons outside the state; (2) the
46 offering and tasting of free samples of wine to visitors and prospective
47 retail customers for consumption on the grounds of the wine festival;

48 (3) the sale at retail of sealed bottles or other sealed containers of wine
49 for consumption off the grounds of the wine festival; and (4) the sale at
50 retail of wine by the glass or receptacle, provided the glass or
51 receptacle is embossed or otherwise permanently labeled with the
52 name and date of the wine festival.

53 (c) No out-of-state entity wine festival permittee shall sell, offer or
54 give to any person or entity wine not manufactured by such permittee.

55 (d) No out-of-state entity wine festival permittee shall sell, offer or
56 give to any person or entity wine manufactured by such permittee
57 unless such wine is assigned to a wholesaler permittee in this state.

58 (e) The holder of an out-of-state entity wine festival permit shall
59 disclose to each person who purchases admission to a wine festival in
60 which the holder is participating, at the time of purchase, any
61 restriction or limitation of such admission, including, but not limited
62 to, the maximum number of glasses or receptacles of wine or brandy to
63 which the purchaser is entitled by admission to the wine festival.

64 (f) Only [one] two out-of-state entity wine festival [permit] permits
65 may be issued per calendar year pursuant to this section by the
66 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to each person or entity
67 meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this section. An out-of-
68 state entity wine festival permit shall not be effective for more than
69 three consecutive days per calendar year. The fee for an out-of-state
70 entity wine festival permit shall be seventy-five dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-37l
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	30-37m

Statement of Purpose:

To allow two in-state and two out-of-state entity wine festivals per year.

[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.]