



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 171**

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House Bill No. 6211

*House of Representatives, March 26, 2013*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFERING AND TASTING OF DISTILLED SPIRITS.***

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

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  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

4 (a) A manufacturer permit shall allow the manufacture of alcoholic  
5 liquor and the storage, bottling and wholesale distribution and sale of  
6 alcoholic liquor manufactured or bottled to permittees in this state and  
7 without the state as may be permitted by law; but no such permit shall  
8 be granted unless the place or the plan of the place of manufacture has  
9 received the approval of the Department of Consumer Protection. Such  
10 permit shall also authorize the offering and tasting, on the premises of  
11 the permittee, of free samples of spirits distilled on the premises.  
12 Tastings shall not exceed one-half ounce per patron and shall not be  
13 allowed on such premises on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and  
14 after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m.

15 and after eight o'clock p.m. No tastings shall be offered to or allowed  
 16 to be consumed by any minor or intoxicated person. A holder of a  
 17 manufacturer permit may apply for and shall receive an out-of-state  
 18 shipper's permit for manufacturing plants and warehouse locations  
 19 outside the state owned by such manufacturer or a subsidiary  
 20 corporation thereof, at least eighty-five per cent of the voting stock of  
 21 which is owned by such manufacturer, to bring into any of its plants or  
 22 warehouses in the state alcoholic liquors for reprocessing, repackaging,  
 23 reshipment or sale either (1) within the state to wholesaler permittees  
 24 not owned or controlled by such manufacturer, or (2) outside the state.  
 25 A holder of a manufacturer permit, except a manufacturer permit for  
 26 cider, may apply for and shall receive a wholesaler permit. The annual  
 27 fee for a manufacturer permit shall be one thousand eight hundred  
 28 fifty dollars.

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

**GL**      *Joint Favorable*

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

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) in allowing manufacturers of alcohol, beer, wine, or spirits who hold a permit to offer free on-premises tasting of samples distilled on the premises as the DCP currently regulates and monitors such entities.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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DISTILLED SPIRITS.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows permit-holding manufacturers of alcohol, beer, wine, or spirits to offer free on-premises tasting of samples distilled on the premises to anyone other than minors (under age 21) or intoxicated people. The samples may not exceed one-half ounce per patron.

Tastings are allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. every day except Sunday and between 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17    Nay 1    (03/12/2013)