



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 82

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING PACKAGE STORES AND THE SALE OF GIFT BASKETS.

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 2014 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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 tasting of wine on the
17 premises shall be offered from more than ten uncorked bottles at any
18 one time. No store operating under a package store permit shall sell
19 any commodity other than alcoholic liquor except that,

20 notwithstanding any other provision of law, such store may sell (1)
 21 cigarettes, (2) publications, (3) bar utensils, which shall include, but
 22 need not be limited to, corkscrews, beverage strainers, stirrers or other
 23 similar items used to consume or related to the consumption of
 24 alcoholic liquor, (4) gift packages of alcoholic liquor shipped into the
 25 state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper, which may include a
 26 nonalcoholic item in the gift package that may be any item, except food
 27 or tobacco products, provided the dollar value of the nonalcoholic
 28 items does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic items of the
 29 package, (5) complementary fresh fruits used in the preparation of
 30 mixed alcoholic beverages, (6) cheese or crackers, or both, olives, (7)
 31 nonalcoholic beverages, (8) concentrates used in the preparation of
 32 mixed alcoholic beverages, (9) beer and wine-making kits and
 33 products related to beer and wine-making kits, (10) ice in any form,
 34 (11) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related to the
 35 alcoholic liquor industry, (12) gift baskets or other containers of
 36 alcoholic liquor, (13) multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, as defined
 37 in subdivision (3) of section 30-1, provided in all such cases the
 38 minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply,
 39 [and] (14) lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer
 40 Protection, if licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by said
 41 department, and (15) gift baskets containing only containers of
 42 alcoholic liquor and commodities authorized for sale under
 43 subdivisions (1) to (14), inclusive, of this subsection. A package store
 44 permit shall also allow the taking and transmitting of orders for
 45 delivery of such merchandise in other states. Notwithstanding any
 46 other provision of law, a package store permit shall allow the
 47 participation in any lottery ticket promotion or giveaway sponsored by
 48 the Department of Consumer Protection. The annual fee for a package
 49 store permit shall be five hundred thirty-five dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-20(a)

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*