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Substitute Senate Bill No. 82

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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.*

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 results in no fiscal impact as it is technical and clarifying in nature.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 82*****AN ACT CONCERNING PACKAGE STORES AND THE SALE OF GIFT BASKETS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill explicitly allows package store permittees to sell gift baskets containing alcoholic liquor and other items they are allowed to sell. By law, package store permittees may sell only the following statutorily specified items:

1. cigarettes;
2. publications;
3. bar utensils, including corkscrews, beverage strainers, stirrers, or similar items used to consume or related to consuming alcohol;
4. gift packages of alcohol shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper, including certain nonalcoholic gift items that are not worth more than the alcohol;
5. complementary fresh fruits or concentrates used to prepare mixed alcoholic drinks;
6. cheese, crackers, or olives;
7. nonalcoholic beverages;
8. beer and wine-making kits and related products;
9. ice;
10. clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcohol industry;

11. gift baskets or other containers of alcohol;
12. multiple packages of alcohol; and
13. lottery tickets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 1 (03/18/2014)