



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 977

LCO No. 4054



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING CRAFT MANUFACTURERS OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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. The
10 holder of a manufacturer permit who produces less than twenty-five
11 thousand gallons of alcoholic liquor in a calendar year may sell at
12 retail from the premises sealed bottles or other sealed containers of
13 alcoholic liquor manufactured on the premises for consumption off the
14 premises, provided such holder shall not sell to any one consumer
15 more than one and one-half liters of alcoholic liquor per day nor more

16 than five gallons of alcoholic liquor in any two-month period. Retail
17 sales by a holder of a manufacturer permit shall occur only on the days
18 and times permitted under subsection (d) of section 30-91. A holder of
19 a manufacturer permit, alone or in combination with any parent or
20 subsidiary business or related or affiliated party, who sells more than
21 ten thousand gallons of alcoholic liquor in any calendar year may not
22 sell alcoholic liquor at wholesale to retail permittees within this state.
23 Such permit shall also authorize the offering and tasting, either with or
24 without charge, on the premises of the permittee, of free samples of
25 spirits distilled on the premises. Tastings shall not exceed [one-half
26 ounce] two ounces per patron per day and shall not be allowed on
27 such premises on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight
28 o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m. and after
29 eight o'clock p.m. No tastings shall be offered to or allowed to be
30 consumed by any minor or intoxicated person. A holder of a
31 manufacturer permit may apply for and shall receive an out-of-state
32 shipper's permit for manufacturing plants and warehouse locations
33 outside the state owned by such manufacturer or a subsidiary
34 corporation thereof, at least eighty-five per cent of the voting stock of
35 which is owned by such manufacturer, to bring into any of its plants or
36 warehouses in the state alcoholic liquors for reprocessing, repackaging,
37 reshipment or sale either (1) within the state to wholesaler permittees
38 not owned or controlled by such manufacturer, or (2) outside the state.
39 [A holder of a manufacturer permit, except a manufacturer permit for
40 cider, may apply for and shall receive a wholesaler permit.] The
41 annual fee for a manufacturer permit shall be one thousand eight
42 hundred fifty dollars.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize small alcoholic liquor manufacturers to sell alcoholic liquor manufactured on the premises at retail from the permit premises for consumption off 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.]