



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5331**

February Session, 2016



**AN ACT CONCERNING GROCERY STORE BEER PERMITS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-20 of the 2016 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*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 and cigars, (2) publications, (3) bar utensils, which shall  
22 include, but need not be limited to, corkscrews, beverage strainers,  
23 stirrers or other similar items used to consume or related to the  
24 consumption of alcoholic liquor, (4) gift packages of alcoholic liquor  
25 shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper, which  
26 may include a nonalcoholic item in the gift package that may be any  
27 item, except food or tobacco products, provided the dollar value of the  
28 nonalcoholic items does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic  
29 items of the package, (5) complementary fresh fruits used in the  
30 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (6) cheese or crackers, or  
31 both, (7) olives, (8) nonalcoholic beverages, (9) concentrates used in the  
32 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (10) beer and wine-making  
33 kits and products related to beer and wine-making kits, (11) ice in any  
34 form, (12) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related to the  
35 alcoholic liquor industry, (13) gift baskets or other containers of  
36 alcoholic liquor, (14) 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, (15)  
39 lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection,  
40 if licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by said department, and (16)  
41 gift baskets containing only containers of alcoholic liquor and  
42 commodities authorized for sale under subdivisions (1) to (15),  
43 inclusive, of this subsection. A package store permit shall also allow  
44 the taking and transmitting of orders for delivery of such merchandise  
45 in other states. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a package  
46 store permit shall allow the participation in any lottery ticket  
47 promotion or giveaway sponsored by the Department of Consumer  
48 Protection. The annual fee for a package store permit shall be five  
49 hundred thirty-five dollars.

50 (b) A grocery store beer permit may be granted to any grocery store  
51 and shall allow the retail sale of beer in standard size containers not to  
52 be consumed on the premises. A holder of a grocery store beer permit  
53 shall post in a prominent location adjacent to the beer display, the  
54 retail price for each brand of beer and said retail price shall include all

55 applicable federal and state taxes including the applicable state sales  
56 taxes. The annual fee for a grocery store beer permit shall be one  
57 hundred seventy dollars. For a grocery store that has annual sales of  
58 food and grocery items of not less than two million dollars the annual  
59 fee for a grocery store beer permit shall be one thousand five hundred  
60 dollars.

61 (c) "Grocery store" means any [store] entity commonly known as a  
62 supermarket, food store, grocery store or delicatessen, primarily  
63 engaged in the retail sale of all sorts of canned goods and dry goods  
64 such as tea, coffee, spices, sugar and flour, either packaged or in bulk,  
65 with or without fresh fruits and vegetables, and with or without fresh,  
66 smoked and prepared meats, fish and poultry, except that no [store]  
67 entity primarily engaged in the retail sale of seafood, fruits and  
68 vegetables, candy, nuts and confectioneries, dairy products, bakery  
69 products or eggs and poultry shall be included in the definition of  
70 "grocery store".

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

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*