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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FARM BREWERY MANUFACTURER PERMIT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (f) and (g) of section 30-16 of the 2016
2 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (f) (1) A manufacturer permit for a farm brewery shall be in all
5 respects the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of
6 operations of the holder shall be limited to beer. As used in this
7 section, "farm brewery" means any place or premises that is located on
8 a farm in the state in which beer is manufactured and sold.

9 (2) Such permit shall, at the single principal premises of the farm
10 brewery, authorize (A) the sale in bulk by the holder thereof from the
11 premises where the products are manufactured pursuant to such
12 permit; (B) as to a manufacturer who produces one hundred thousand
13 gallons of beer or less per year, the sale and shipment by the holder
14 thereof to a retailer of beer manufactured by the farm brewery

15 permittee in the original sealed containers; (C) the sale and shipment
16 by the holder thereof of beer manufactured by the farm brewery
17 permittee to persons outside the state; (D) the offering and tasting of
18 free samples of such beer, dispensed out of bottles or other sealed
19 containers to visitors and prospective retail customers for consumption
20 on the premises of the farm brewery permittee; (E) the sale at retail
21 from the premises of sealed bottles or other sealed containers of such
22 beer for consumption off the premises; (F) the sale at retail from the
23 premises of beer by the glass and bottle to visitors on the premises of
24 the farm brewery permittee for consumption on the premises; and (G)
25 subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection, the sale
26 and delivery or shipment of beer manufactured by the permittee
27 directly to a consumer in this state. Notwithstanding the provisions of
28 subparagraphs (D), (E) and (F) of this subdivision, a town may, by
29 ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit any such offering, tasting or
30 selling at retail at premises within such town for which a manufacturer
31 permit for a farm brewery has been issued.

32 (3) A permittee, when selling and shipping beer directly to a
33 consumer in this state, shall: (A) Ensure that the shipping labels on all
34 containers of beer shipped directly to a consumer in this state
35 conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL –
36 SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR
37 DELIVERY"; (B) obtain the signature of a person age twenty-one or
38 older at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the signer to
39 demonstrate that he or she is age twenty-one or older by providing a
40 valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid identity card described
41 in section 1-1h; (C) not ship more than five gallons of beer in any two-
42 month period to any person in this state; (D) pay, to the Department of
43 Revenue Services, all sales taxes and alcoholic beverage taxes due
44 under chapters 219 and 220 on sales of beer to consumers in this state,
45 and file, with said department, all sales tax returns and alcoholic
46 beverage tax returns relating to such sales; (E) report to the
47 Department of Consumer Protection a separate and complete record of

48 all sales and shipments to consumers in the state, on a ledger sheet or
49 similar form that readily presents a chronological account of such
50 permittee's dealings with each such consumer; (F) not ship to any
51 address in the state where the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by
52 local option pursuant to section 30-9; and (G) hold an in-state
53 transporter's permit pursuant to section 30-19f or make any such
54 shipment through the use of a person who holds such an in-state
55 transporter's permit.

56 (4) No licensed farm brewery may sell any such beer not
57 manufactured by such brewery.

58 (5) The farm brewery permittee shall grow on the premises of the
59 farm brewery or on property under the same ownership and control of
60 said permittee or leased by the backer of a farm brewery permit or by
61 said permittee within the farm brewery's principal state an average
62 annual crop equal to not less than twenty-five per cent of the hops and
63 barley used in the manufacture of the farm brewery permittee's beer
64 for the first year of issuance for any such permit and not less than fifty
65 per cent of the hops and barley used in the manufacture of the farm
66 brewery permittee's beer for the second and any subsequent year of
67 issuance for any such permit.

68 (6) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm brewery, when
69 advertising or offering beer for direct shipment to a consumer in this
70 state via the Internet or any other on-line computer network, shall
71 clearly and conspicuously state such liquor permit number in its
72 advertising.

73 (7) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm brewery may sell
74 beer manufactured from such brewery at a farmers' market, as defined
75 in section 22-6r, that is operated as a nonprofit enterprise or
76 association, provided such farmers' market invites such holder to sell
77 beer at such farmers' market and such holder has a farmers' market
78 beer sales permit issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection

79 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-37o, as
80 amended by this act.

81 (8) The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a farm brewery
82 shall be three hundred dollars.

83 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) A manufacturer permit for a brew pub shall allow: (1) The
84 manufacture, storage and bottling of beer, (2) the retail sale of alcoholic
85 liquor to be consumed on the premises with or without the sale of
86 food, (3) the selling at retail from the premises of sealed bottles or
87 other sealed containers of beer brewed on such premises for
88 consumption off the premises, and (4) the sale of sealed bottles or other
89 sealed containers of beer brewed on such premises to the holder of a
90 wholesaler permit issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 30-17,
91 provided that the holder of a manufacturer permit for a brew pub
92 produces at least five thousand gallons of beer on the premises
93 annually. Such selling at retail from the premises of sealed bottles or
94 other sealed containers shall comply with the provisions of subsection
95 (d) of section 30-91 and shall permit not more than nine liters of beer to
96 be sold to any person on any day on which such sale is authorized
97 under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91. The annual fee
98 for a manufacturer permit for a brew pub shall be three hundred
99 dollars.

100 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) A manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub shall be in all
101 respects the same as a manufacturer permit for beer, as defined in
102 subsection (b) of this section, and shall allow those additional
103 permissible uses specified in the manufacturer permit for a brew pub,
104 as defined in subsection ~~[(f)]~~ (g) of this section, provided the holder of
105 a manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub produces at least five
106 thousand gallons of beer on the premises annually. The annual fee for
107 a manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub shall be one thousand
108 five hundred dollars.

109 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 30-37j of the general statutes is

110 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
111 *passage*):

112 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-48,
113 a backer or holder of a caterer liquor permit may be a backer or holder
114 of any other permit issued under the provisions of this chapter,
115 including, but not limited to, a manufacturer permit for a brew pub
116 issued under subsection [(f)] (g) of section 30-16, as amended by this
117 act, or a manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub issued under
118 subsection [(g)] (h) of section 30-16, as amended by this act, except that
119 a backer or holder of a caterer liquor permit may not be a backer or
120 holder of any other manufacturer permit issued under section 30-16, as
121 amended by this act, or a wholesaler permit issued under section 30-
122 17.

123 Sec. 3. Section 30-37r of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes
124 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
125 *from passage*):

126 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall issue a farmers'
127 market beer sales permit to a holder of: (1) A manufacturer permit for
128 beer issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 30-16, (2) a
129 manufacturer permit for a brew pub issued pursuant to subsection [(f)]
130 (g) of section 30-16, as amended by this act, [or] (3) a manufacturer
131 permit for beer and brew pub issued pursuant to subsection [(g)] (h) of
132 section 30-16, as amended by this act, or (4) a manufacturer permit for
133 a farm brewery issued pursuant to subsection (f) of section 30-16, as
134 amended by this act.

135 (b) A farmers' market beer sales permit shall authorize the sale of
136 beer manufactured by the holder of a permit specified in subdivision
137 (1), (2), [or] (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section for an unlimited
138 number of appearances at a farmers' market at not more than three
139 farmers' market locations per year, provided such permit holder: (1)
140 Has an invitation from such farmers' market to sell beer at such

141 farmers' market, (2) sells only sealed bottles of beer for off-premises
 142 consumption at such farmers' market, (3) is present, or has an
 143 authorized representative present, at the time of sale of any such beer
 144 at such farmers' market, and (4) does not sell more than five liters of
 145 such beer per day to any one person at such farmers' market. A
 146 farmers' market beer sales permit shall be valid for a period of one year
 147 from the date of issuance. The annual fee for a farmers' market beer
 148 sales permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars. There shall be a one-
 149 hundred-dollar nonrefundable filing fee for any such permit.

150 (c) Any town or municipality may, by ordinance or zoning
 151 regulation, prohibit the sale of beer by the holder of a farmers' market
 152 beer sales permit at a farmers' market held in such town or
 153 municipality.

154 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 30-62c of the 2016 supplement to the
 155 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 156 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

157 (a) The holder of an alcoholic liquor permit issued by the
 158 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to subsections (b) to
 159 [(g)] (h), inclusive, of section 30-16, as amended by this act, or an agent
 160 of such permit holder, shall furnish potable water without charge to
 161 any person on the permit premises requesting such water or shall offer
 162 nonalcoholic beverages for sale to such person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-16(f) and (g)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	30-37j(c)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	30-37r
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	30-62c(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a manufacturer permit for farm breweries.

[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.]