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Substitute House Bill No. 5331

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The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill is technical and results in no fiscal impact.

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

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill makes technical changes to the grocery store beer permit statute.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/11/2016)