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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MANUFACTURER PERMIT FOR FARM BREWERIES.***

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 general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*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 the production of not more  
7 than fifty thousand gallons of beer in a calendar year. As used in this  
8 section, "farm brewery" means any place or premises that is located on  
9 a farm in the state in which beer is manufactured and sold.

10 (2) Such permit shall, at the single principal premises of the farm  
11 brewery, authorize (A) the sale of sealed bottles or other sealed  
12 containers of beer brewed on such premises to the holder of a  
13 wholesaler permit issued pursuant to section 30-17; (B) the offering  
14 and tasting of free samples of beer manufactured by the farm brewery  
15 permittee, dispensed out of bottles or other sealed containers to

16 visitors and prospective retail customers for consumption on the  
17 premises of the farm brewery permittee; (C) the sale at retail from the  
18 premises of not more than nine liters of such beer to any person per  
19 day, in sealed bottles or other sealed containers, for consumption off  
20 the premises; and (D) the sale at retail from the premises of beer by the  
21 glass and bottle to visitors on the premises of the farm brewery  
22 permittee for consumption on the premises. Notwithstanding the  
23 provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, a  
24 town may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit any such  
25 offering, tasting or selling at retail at premises within such town for  
26 which a manufacturer permit for a farm brewery has been issued.

27 (3) The farm brewery permittee shall use not less than twenty-five  
28 per cent of a combination of hops, barley, cereal grains, honey, flowers  
29 or other fermentables grown or malted within the state of Connecticut  
30 in the manufacture of the farm brewery permittee's beer for the first  
31 year of issuance for any such permit and not less than fifty per cent of  
32 such hops, barley, cereal grains, honey, flowers or other fermentables  
33 in the manufacture of the farm brewery permittee's beer for the second  
34 and any subsequent year of issuance for any such permit. Any such  
35 beer may be advertised and sold by the farm brewery permittee as  
36 "Connecticut Craft Beer".

37 (4) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm brewery may sell  
38 beer manufactured from such brewery at a farmers' market, as defined  
39 in section 22-6r, that is operated as a nonprofit enterprise or  
40 association, provided such farmers' market invites such holder to sell  
41 beer at such farmers' market and such holder has a farmers' market  
42 beer sales permit issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
43 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-37o.

44 (5) The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a farm brewery  
45 shall be three hundred dollars.

46 [(f)] (g) A manufacturer permit for a brew pub shall allow: (1) The  
47 manufacture, storage and bottling of beer, (2) the retail sale of alcoholic

48 liquor to be consumed on the premises with or without the sale of  
49 food, (3) the selling at retail from the premises of sealed bottles or  
50 other sealed containers of beer brewed on such premises for  
51 consumption off the premises, and (4) the sale of sealed bottles or other  
52 sealed containers of beer brewed on such premises to the holder of a  
53 wholesaler permit issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 30-17,  
54 provided that the holder of a manufacturer permit for a brew pub  
55 produces at least five thousand gallons of beer on the premises  
56 annually. Such selling at retail from the premises of sealed bottles or  
57 other sealed containers shall comply with the provisions of subsection  
58 (d) of section 30-91, as amended by this act, and shall permit not more  
59 than nine liters of beer to be sold to any person on any day on which  
60 such sale is authorized under the provisions of subsection (d) of  
61 section 30-91, as amended by this act. The annual fee for a  
62 manufacturer permit for a brew pub shall be three hundred dollars.

63 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) A manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub shall be in all  
64 respects the same as a manufacturer permit for beer, as defined in  
65 subsection (b) of this section, and shall allow those additional  
66 permissible uses specified in the manufacturer permit for a brew pub,  
67 as defined in subsection ~~[(f)]~~ (g) of this section, provided the holder of  
68 a manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub produces at least five  
69 thousand gallons of beer on the premises annually. The annual fee for  
70 a manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub shall be one thousand  
71 five hundred dollars.

72 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 30-37j of the general statutes is  
73 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
74 *passage*):

75 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-48,  
76 a backer or holder of a caterer liquor permit may be a backer or holder  
77 of any other permit issued under the provisions of this chapter,  
78 including, but not limited to, a manufacturer permit for a brew pub  
79 issued under subsection ~~[(f)]~~ (g) of section 30-16, as amended by this  
80 act, or a manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub issued under

81 subsection [(g)] (h) of section 30-16, as amended by this act, except that  
82 a backer or holder of a caterer liquor permit may not be a backer or  
83 holder of any other manufacturer permit issued under section 30-16, as  
84 amended by this act, or a wholesaler permit issued under section 30-  
85 17.

86 Sec. 3. Section 30-37r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
87 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

88 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall issue a farmers'  
89 market beer sales permit to a holder of: (1) A manufacturer permit for  
90 beer issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 30-16, (2) a  
91 manufacturer permit for a brew pub issued pursuant to subsection [(f)]  
92 (g) of section 30-16, as amended by this act, [or] (3) a manufacturer  
93 permit for beer and brew pub issued pursuant to subsection [(g)] (h) of  
94 section 30-16, as amended by this act, or (4) a manufacturer permit for  
95 a farm brewery issued pursuant to subsection (f) of section 30-16, as  
96 amended by this act.

97 (b) A farmers' market beer sales permit shall authorize the sale of  
98 beer manufactured by the holder of a permit specified in subdivision  
99 (1), (2), [or] (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section for an unlimited  
100 number of appearances at a farmers' market at not more than three  
101 farmers' market locations per year, provided such permit holder: (1)  
102 Has an invitation from such farmers' market to sell beer at such  
103 farmers' market, (2) sells only sealed bottles of beer for off-premises  
104 consumption at such farmers' market, (3) is present, or has an  
105 authorized representative present, at the time of sale of any such beer  
106 at such farmers' market, and (4) does not sell more than five liters of  
107 such beer per day to any one person at such farmers' market. A  
108 farmers' market beer sales permit shall be valid for a period of one year  
109 from the date of issuance. The annual fee for a farmers' market beer  
110 sales permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars. There shall be a one-  
111 hundred-dollar nonrefundable filing fee for any such permit.

112 (c) Any town or municipality may, by ordinance or zoning

113 regulation, prohibit the sale of beer by the holder of a farmers' market  
114 beer sales permit at a farmers' market held in such town or  
115 municipality.

116 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 30-62c of the general statutes is  
117 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
118 *passage*):

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

125 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is  
126 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
127 *passage*):

128 (d) The sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating  
129 under package store permits, drug store permits, manufacturer  
130 permits for beer, manufacturer permits for beer and brew pubs,  
131 manufacturer permits for a farm brewery or grocery store beer permits  
132 shall be unlawful on Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day or Christmas;  
133 and such sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating  
134 under package store permits, drug store permits, manufacturer  
135 permits for beer, manufacturer permits for beer and brew pubs,  
136 manufacturer permits for a farm brewery and grocery store beer  
137 permits shall be unlawful on Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. and after  
138 six o'clock p.m. and on any other day before eight o'clock a.m. and  
139 after ten o'clock p.m. It shall be unlawful for the holder of a  
140 manufacturer permit for a brew pub to sell beer for consumption off  
141 the premises on the days or hours prohibited by this subsection. Any  
142 town may, by a vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the  
143 number of hours during which such sale shall be permissible.

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)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	30-91(d)

**GL**      *Joint Favorable*