
OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 894*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL-INFUSED CONFECTIONS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection commissioner to (1) adopt regulations in consultation with the Liquor Control Commission to allow the manufacture, sale, and distribution of alcohol-infused confections (e.g., chocolate) containing up to 0.5% alcohol by volume and (2) approve the sale of those confections. It also allows package stores to sell the alcohol-infused confections that are approved for sale by the commissioner.

Relatedly, the bill exempts the confections regulated by the commissioner from being considered adulterated foods under the Connecticut Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Existing law already exempts confections containing up to 0.5% alcohol by volume if the alcohol is not infused, but instead derived solely from flavoring extracts. By law, the manufacture, sale, and distribution of adulterated foods is generally prohibited (CGS § 21a-93).

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/09/2021)