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2 Introduced by Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Beyor of Highgate,
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4 Fair Haven, Corcoran of Bennington, Gallivan of Chittenden,
5 Hebert of Vernon, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Scheuermann
6 of Stowe, Shaw of Derby, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; prohibited acts; alcoholic beverage tastings

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow malt,
11 vinous, and spirituous beverage wholesale dealers to hold tastings at local
12 establishments that have yet to receive their first- or second-class licenses but
13 have prior approval from the local control commission.

14 An act relating to malt, vinous, and spirituous beverage tastings

15 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

16 Sec. 1. PURPOSE

17 The purpose of this act is to allow wholesale dealers to offer tastings of
18 malt, vinous, or spirituous beverages to the management and staff of
19 businesses who have applied for first- or second-class licenses but have yet to
20 receive the license from the Department of Liquor Control, provided that the

1 local control commission has approved the liquor license. This will enable the
2 management of new businesses to taste and choose malt, vinous, or spirituous
3 beverages and to print their menus and otherwise make the start-up of their
4 businesses easier.

5 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 67 is amended to read:

6 § 67. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTINGS; PERMIT; PENALTIES

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8 (d) Promotional alcoholic beverage tasting:

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10 (4) A holder of a wholesale dealer's license may dispense malt, vinous,
11 or spirituous beverages for promotional purposes without charge to invited
12 management and staff of a business that has applied for a first- or second-class
13 license, provided they are of legal drinking age. The event shall be held on the
14 premises of the first- or second-class applicant. The first- or second-class
15 applicant shall be responsible for complying with all applicable laws under this
16 title. No permit is required under this subdivision, but the wholesale dealer
17 shall provide written notice of the event to the Department at least five days
18 prior to the date of the tasting.

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20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.