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2 Introduced by Senators Miller, Bartlett, Carris, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel,
3 Maynard and Snelling

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; wineries; wine tastings; fortified wines; private
7 events

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to permit Vermont wine producers to
9 permit tastings of and sell other wines; to permit tastings and the sale by the
10 glass of their own fortified wines; and to serve and sell their own wine at
11 private events held on the licensee's premises.

12 An act relating to tastings and sale of wines by wineries

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

14 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 67 is amended to read:

15 § 67. WINE AND MALT BEVERAGE TASTINGS; PERMIT; PENALTIES

16 (a) Provided an applicant submits to the department of liquor control a
17 written application in a form required by the department accompanied by the
18 permit fee as required by subdivision 231(15) of this title at least 15 days prior
19 to the date of the wine or malt beverage tasting event and the applicant is

1 determined to be in good standing, the department of liquor control may grant
2 a permit to conduct a wine or malt beverage tasting event to:

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4 (3) A licensed manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages with a
5 fourth class or farmers' market license. The licenses authorize the licensee to
6 dispense, with or without charge, vinous beverages and fortified wines that
7 have been manufactured by the licensee, by the glass, not to exceed two ounces
8 per product and a total of eight ounces to a retail customer of legal age for
9 consumption on the licensee's premises or at a farmers' market.

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11 (g) Licensed manufacturers or rectifiers of vinous beverages may serve,
12 with or without charge, wine produced by them at an event held on the
13 premises of a licensee, provided the licensee provides written notice to the
14 department at least 15 days before the event. The notice shall include details
15 required by the department.