

1 S.260

2 Introduced by Senator Flory

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

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

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

10 An act relating to malt and vinous beverage tastings

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

12 Sec. 1. PURPOSE

13 The purpose of this act is to allow wholesale dealers to offer tastings of malt
14 or vinous beverages to the management and staff of businesses who have
15 applied for first- or second-class licenses but have yet to receive the license
16 from the Department of Liquor Control, provided that the local control
17 commission has approved the liquor license. This will enable the management
18 of new businesses to taste and choose malt or vinous beverages and to print
19 their menus and otherwise make the start-up of their businesses easier.

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

2 § 67. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTINGS; PERMIT; PENALTIES

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4 (d) Promotional alcoholic beverage tasting:

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

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16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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