

S.260

An act relating to malt and vinous beverage tastings

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

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

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

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

§ 67. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTINGS; PERMIT; PENALTIES

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(d) Promotional alcoholic beverage tasting:

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(4) Upon receipt of a first- or second-class application by the Department, a holder of a wholesale dealer's license may dispense malt or vinous beverages for promotional purposes without charge to invited management and staff of a business that has applied for a first- or second-class license, provided they are of legal drinking age. The event shall be held on the

premises of the first- or second-class applicant. The first- or second-class applicant shall be responsible for complying with all applicable laws under this title. No malt or vinous beverages shall be left behind. No permit is required under this subdivision, but the wholesale dealer shall provide written notice of the event to the Department at least five days prior to the date of the tasting. The Department shall post notice of the pending application on its website.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.