

1 S.260

2 Introduced by Senator Flory

3 Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General

4 Affairs

5 Date: January 7, 2014

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

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

11 An act relating to malt and vinous beverage tastings

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

13 ~~Sec. 1. PURPOSE~~

14 ~~The purpose of this act is to allow wholesale dealers to offer tastings of malt~~
15 ~~or vinous beverages to the management and staff of businesses who have~~
16 ~~applied for first- or second-class licenses but have yet to receive the license~~
17 ~~from the Department of Liquor Control, provided that the local control~~
18 ~~commission has approved the liquor license. This will enable the management~~
19 ~~of new businesses to taste and choose malt or vinous beverages and to print~~
20 ~~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.~~

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.