

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to
3 which was referred Senate Bill No. 260 entitled “An act relating to malt and
4 vinous beverage tastings” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
5 and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. PURPOSE

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

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

16 § 67. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTINGS; PERMIT; PENALTIES

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18 (d) Promotional alcoholic beverage tasting:

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20 (4) Upon receipt of a first- or second-class application by the
21 Department, a holder of a wholesale dealer’s license may dispense malt or

1 vinous beverages for promotional purposes without charge to invited
2 management and staff of a business that has applied for a first- or second-class
3 license, provided they are of legal drinking age. The event shall be held on the
4 premises of the first- or second-class applicant. The first- or second-class
5 applicant shall be responsible for complying with all applicable laws under this
6 title. No malt or vinous beverages shall be left behind. No permit is required
7 under this subdivision, but the wholesale dealer shall provide written notice of
8 the event to the Department at least five days prior to the date of the tasting.
9 The Department shall post notice of the pending application on its website.

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11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on passage.

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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19 Senator Collins

20 FOR THE COMMITTEE