

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1159

BY REPRESENTATIVE BADON

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Provides relative to the sampling of alcoholic beverages

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 26:75(C) and 275(B), relative to permits for engaging in the  
3 business of manufacturing, supplying, or dealing in alcoholic beverages; to authorize  
4 the sampling of alcoholic beverages under a Special Event permit; to provide for the  
5 payment of certain taxes; to require compliance with certain labeling processes; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 26:75(C) and 275(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
9 follows:

10 §75. Operation without permit prohibited

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12 C.(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, beer, wine, or other spirit  
13 sampling for the purpose of allowing a consumer to try the taste of a product may be  
14 conducted on the premises of a Class A, ~~or Class B,~~ or a Special Event permit holder.

15 (2) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations for the  
16 conducting of spirit beverage alcohol sampling, which shall allow manufacturers and  
17 wholesalers to provide and display a limited amount of point of sales materials.

18 (3) Excise taxes shall be paid on all products prior to providing sampling to  
19 consumers. All sampling products shall comply with the Department of Health and  
20 Hospital's labeling approval process.

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1 §275. Operation without permit prohibited

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3 B.(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, beer, wine, or other spirits  
4 sampling for the purpose of allowing a consumer to try the taste of a product may be  
5 conducted on the premises of a Class A, ~~or Class B,~~ or a Special Event permit holder.

6 (2) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations for the  
7 conducting of ~~spirit beverage alcohol~~ sampling, which shall allow manufacturers and  
8 wholesalers to provide and display a limited amount of point of sales materials.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the sampling of alcoholic beverages by Special Event permit holders.

Present law authorizes beer, wine, or other spirit sampling for the purpose of allowing a consumer to taste a product on the premises of a Class A or Class B permit holder.

Proposed law makes a technical change to present law by using the defined term "beverage alcohol" instead of "spirit", and further authorizes Special Event permit holders to provide sampling to consumers.

Proposed law requires all excise taxes to be paid on all products prior to providing sampling to the consumer.

Proposed law requires compliance with the Dept. of Health and Hospital's labeling approval process.

(Amends R.S. 26:75(C) and 275(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the original bill.

1. Required all excise taxes to be paid on all products prior to providing sampling to the consumer.
2. Required compliance with the Dept. of Health and Hospital's labeling approval process.