



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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131st General Assembly
(As Passed by the House)

Reps. Gerberry and Buchy, Green, Curtin, Clyde, Brown, Anielski, Antonio, Baker, Barnes, Boose, Boyce, Boyd, Burkley, Celebrezze, Craig, Derickson, DeVitis, Dovilla, Duffey, Grossman, Hayes, T. Johnson, Koehler, Kraus, Lepore-Hagan, McClain, M. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, Patterson, Pelanda, Phillips, Rogers, Ryan, Sears, Sheehy, R. Smith, Sprague, Strahorn, Sweeney, Sykes

BILL SUMMARY

- Generally prohibits any person from selling or offering for sale powdered or crystalline alcohol for human consumption.
- Exempts from the prohibition certain substances and medications, including any substance regulated by the Food and Drug Administration that is not beer or intoxicating liquor or a compound that could be converted into beer or intoxicating liquor.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Sale of powdered or crystalline alcohol

The bill generally prohibits any person from selling or offering for sale powdered or crystalline alcohol for human consumption. However, the bill exempts all of the following from the prohibition:

- (1) Any substance regulated by the Food and Drug Administration that is not beer or intoxicating liquor, or a compound that could be converted into beer or intoxicating liquor;
- (2) A medication that requires a prescription; and
- (3) An over-the-counter medication.

Under the bill, powdered or crystalline alcohol is a product that is manufactured into a powdered or crystalline form and that contains any amount of alcohol. A prescription, by reference to the Pharmacists and Dangerous Drugs Law, is a written, electronic, or oral order for drugs or combinations or mixtures of drugs to be used by a particular individual or for treating a particular animal, issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs. An over-the-counter medication is a medication that may be legally sold and purchased without a prescription.¹

Generally, beer includes all beverages brewed or fermented from malt products that contain between .5 and 12% of alcohol by volume. Intoxicating liquor includes all liquids and compounds, other than beer, containing .5% or more of alcohol by volume.²

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 4301.71.

² R.C. 4301.01, not in the bill.

