



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Sub. H.B. 444*

131st General Assembly

(As Rereported by H. Government Accountability & Oversight)

Reps. Blessing, Henne, Grossman, Hambley, Brenner, Conditt, Becker, Ramos, Thompson, Perales, Manning, Buchy, Boose, Dever, Rezabek, Sheehy, Brown

BILL SUMMARY

- Allows A-1-A, A-1c, and certain D liquor permit holders to provide, in any 24-hour period, up to four free tasting samples of beer, wine, and spirituous liquor to a person who is 21 years old or older and a paying customer of the permit holder.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Tasting samples of alcohol

The bill allows A-1-A, A-1c, and certain D liquor permit holders to provide to a paying customer not more than a total of four tasting samples of beer, wine, or spirituous liquor, as authorized by the applicable permit, in any 24-hour period of time. The permit holder must provide the tasting samples free of charge, at the permit holder's expense, and only to a person who is 21 years of age or older. The person must consume the tasting samples on the premises of the permit holder. A distributor of beer or intoxicating liquor is not responsible for the costs of providing the tasting samples. Current law prohibits any liquor permit holder from giving away beer or intoxicating liquor of any kind at any time in connection with the permit holder's business.¹

Under the bill, a "tasting sample" is an amount that does not exceed two ounces of beer, two ounces of wine, or a quarter ounce of spirituous liquor. A "D permit holder" means a person that has been issued a D-1, D-2, D-2x, D-3, D-3a, D-3x, D-4, D-5, D-5a,

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 4301.22(D).

D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-6, or D-7 liquor permit.²

The A-1-A permit generally authorizes beer and wine manufacturers to sell beer and intoxicating liquor for on-premises consumption if certain criteria apply to the A-1-A premises. In addition, the A-1-A permit authorizes beer manufacturers to sell growlers of beer for off-premises consumption if certain conditions apply. The A-1c permit allows certain beer manufacturers to sell beer to retailers and distributors and to sell beer at retail for on-premises consumption. D permits generally authorize retail sales of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor or any combination for on- and off-premises consumption.

HISTORY

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² R.C. 4301.22(D)(1) and (2).

