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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1380

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING TASTING EVENTS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING
TASTING EVENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-5-104(b), concerning a tasting event by a person on the person's premises under a retail liquor permit, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(4) A wholesaler or manufacturing representative may conduct the tasting event.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-5-104(f), concerning sampling permit fees and sample sizes for tasting events, is amended to read as follows:

(f)(1) The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division may issue a sampling permit if the applicant:

(A) Is licensed by the director to sell wine, beer, spirits, or any combination, at retail; and

(B) Pays a ~~license permit~~ fee of:

(i) ~~Five hundred dollars (\$500)~~ Two hundred fifty



1 dollars (\$250) for either a wine license permit, beer license permit, or
2 spirits license permit; or

3 (ii) ~~One thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ Five hundred
4 dollars (\$500) for a combined wine, beer, and spirits license permit.

5 (2)(A) The sampling permit allows the person to conduct tasting
6 events on the person's premises during regular hours of operation. A sampling
7 permit shall expire on June 30 of each year.

8 (B) The samples shall be limited to a total of:

9 (i) ~~Three (3) one half ounce (0.5 oz.)~~ Six ounces (6
10 oz.) of wine servings per customer each day for on-premises consumption;

11 (ii) ~~Two (2) two ounce (2 oz.)~~ Eight ounces (8 oz.)
12 of beer servings per customer each day for on-premises consumption; ~~and or~~

13 (iii) ~~Two (2) one half ounce (0.5 oz.) spirit~~
14 servings Two ounces (2 oz.) of spirits per customer each day for on-premises
15 consumption.

16 (3) The director may promulgate rules to administer and enforce
17 this section.