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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1380

By: Representative A. Collins

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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 on behalf of or assist the retailer with 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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/A. Collins

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