CHAPTER 173 SB 18 - FINAL VERSION

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2021 SESSION

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SENATE BILL 18

AN ACT permitting tastings by liquor manufacturers at farmers markets.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. French, Dist 7; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. Carson,

Dist 14

COMMITTEE: Commerce

ANALYSIS

This bill allows liquor manufacturers to offer samples at farmers markets.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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18 19 permitting tastings by liquor manufacturers at farmers markets.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

173:1 Free Drinks; Liquor Manufacturers. Amend RSA 179:44, II-a to read as follows:

II-a. Notwithstanding paragraph I, wine manufacturers, beverage manufacturers, nano breweries, *liquor manufacturers*, and brew pubs may provide samples for tasting to persons of legal drinking age at a farmers' market provided they have received written authorization by the town or city's governing body, which authorization shall remain effective until revoked in writing, and they have provided the commission with a copy of that authorization. Provision of samples shall be restricted to clearly defined areas approved by the commission. Samples shall be limited to one 4-ounce sample per label per person for any beer, specialty beer, or cider, and one 2-ounce sample per label per person for any wine *and 1/2-ounce sample per label per person for any liquor*.

173:2 Liquor Manufacturers License. Amend RSA 178:6, IV to read as follows:

IV. A liquor manufacturer may provide to visitors of legal drinking age at its facility samples of liquor manufactured on the premises for tasting. Samples may be provided either free or for a fee and shall be limited to one 1/2-ounce sample per label per person. Samples sold under this section shall be subject to fees as established in paragraph VI. A liquor manufacturer that produces fewer than 10,000 bottles during their licensing year and that operates and produces liquor solely within the state may transport to and sell its products at a farmers market at retail in the original sealed containers and may offer samples as provided in this paragraph.

173:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 30, 2021

Effective Date: September 28, 2021