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HOUSE BILL ***162***

AN ACT permitting tastings by liquor manufacturers at farmers' markets.

SPONSORS: Rep. Potucek, Rock. 6; Rep. Binford, Graf. 15; Rep. Belanger, Rock. 9; Rep. Layon, Rock. 6; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 10; Rep. Nunez, Hills. 37; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

ANALYSIS

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

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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

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.***

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 may transport its products to a farmers' market and may offer samples as provided in this paragraph. Such products may be sold at retail at a farmers' market in the original containers.***

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