
**Consumer Protection & Business
Committee**

HB 1719

Brief Description: Concerning events conducted by liquor manufacturers and retailers.

Sponsors: Representative Abbarno.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates a new special liquor permit for a manufacturer or retailer of beer, wine, or spirits for an event that may be open to the general public, for the purpose of tasting and selling liquor of the manufacturer's own production or liquor the retailer is authorized to sell.
- Limits the permit to 12 events per year with a single event of up to three consecutive days, requires local government approval, and requires an event map and operating plan to be submitted with an application.

Hearing Date: 2/11/25

Staff: Peter Clodfelter (786-7127).

Background:

Various special liquor permits exist to authorize individuals or existing liquor licensees to engage in certain activities related to the sale, service, and consumption of alcohol. Existing special liquor permits include special permits by a manufacturer of wine, beer, or spirits, for an event not open to the general public to be held or conducted at a specific place upon a specific date for the purpose of tasting and selling wine, beer, or spirits, as applicable, of the manufacturer's own production.

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The manufacturer must obtain a permit for a fee of \$10 per event. An application for the permit must be submitted at least 10 days before the event and once issued, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises for which the permit was issued during all times the permit is in use. No more than 12 events per year may be held by a single manufacturer under these special permits.

Summary of Bill:

A new special liquor permit is created for a manufacturer or retailer of beer, wine, or spirits for an event that may be open to the general public, to be held or conducted at a specific place upon a specific date or dates, for the purpose of tasting and selling liquor of the manufacturer's own production or liquor the retailer is authorized to sell. No more than 12 events per year may be held by a single manufacturer or retailer. A single event may last up to three consecutive days. The permit fee is \$10 per event.

An application must demonstrate that the city, town, or county in which the proposed place is located approves of the event. County approval may be provided only for a proposed location in unincorporated areas of the county.

An event map and an event operating plan are required with an application. An event map must include information required by the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) including, but not limited to, the boundaries, public entrances and cross streets, alcohol service areas, seating areas, food service areas if applicable, and security checkpoints.

An event operating plan must include, at a minimum, how the applicant will prevent the sale and service of alcohol to persons under age 21 and those who appear to be intoxicated; the ratio of alcohol service staff and security staff to the anticipated number of attendees, subject to a ratio requirement to be established by the LCB in rule; training provided to staff; the facility's policy on the number of alcoholic beverages that will be served to an individual patron during one transaction, subject to a limit to be established by the LCB in rule; and other standards established by the LCB in rule.

An application for the permit must be submitted at least 30 days before the event and, once issued, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises for which the permit was issued during all times the permit is in use. Mandatory alcohol server training is required for all staff.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 30, 2025.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.