

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1226
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

While breweries are able to conduct samplings, it has been noted that brewpubs lack specific authority to do the same and thus there is a lack of clarity with regard to the ability of brewpubs to conduct samplings at stores and bars. S.B. 1226 seeks to expressly authorize brewpubs in wet areas to conduct samplings at a retailer's premises and allow them to gain more exposure and awareness of their products at sampling events.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 1226 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to authorize the holder of a brewpub license for a brewpub located in a wet area to conduct samplings of malt beverages, including tastings, at a retailer's premises. The bill authorizes an agent or employee of the license holder to open, touch, or pour malt beverages, make a presentation, or answer questions at a sampling event.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.