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2009-2010 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HOYT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to permitting licensees to provide beer samples

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Section 54 of the alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:
- 6. (A) A LICENSEE OR HIS OR HER EMPLOYEE MAY SERVE AT THEIR LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT SAMPLES OF BEER OR MALT BEVERAGES HE OR SHE SELLS AT SUCH ESTABLISHMENT.

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- (B) EACH SAMPLE SHALL BE SERVED ONLY BY THE LICENSEE OR HIS OR HER EMPLOYEE AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO ONE OUNCE OR LESS OF A BRAND OF BEER OR MALT BEVERAGE SOLD BY THE LICENSEE AND NO CONSUMER OF LEGAL AGE SHALL BE PROVIDED OR GIVEN MORE THAN FOUR SERVINGS OF SUCH SAMPLES IN ANY ONE DAY.
- (C) A PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A VIOLATION AND SHALL BE SENTENCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:
- (I) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, THE COURT SHALL ORDER PAYMENT OF A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
- 16 (II) FOR A SECOND VIOLATION, THE COURT SHALL ORDER PAYMENT OF A FINE 17 OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
- 18 (III) FOR THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS, THE AUTHORITY MAY RECOVER, 19 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE OF THIS CHAPTER, THE PENAL SUM 20 OF THE BOND FILED BY THE LICENSEE.
- 21 S 2. Section 54-a of the alcoholic beverage control law is amended by 22 adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:
- 23 4. (A) A LICENSEE OR HIS OR HER EMPLOYEE MAY SERVE AT THEIR LICENSED 24 ESTABLISHMENT SAMPLES OF BEER OR MALT BEVERAGES HE OR SHE SELLS AT SUCH 25 ESTABLISHMENT.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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- (C) A PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A VIOLATION AND SHALL BE SENTENCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:
- 9 (I) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, THE COURT SHALL ORDER PAYMENT OF A FINE OF 10 NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
- 11 (II) FOR A SECOND VIOLATION, THE COURT SHALL ORDER PAYMENT OF A FINE 12 OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
- 13 (III) FOR THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS, THE AUTHORITY MAY RECOVER, 14 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE OF THIS CHAPTER, THE PENAL SUM 15 OF THE BOND FILED BY A LICENSEE.
- 16 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately, 17 the state liquor authority is authorized to promulgate such rules and 18 regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate to implement the 19 provisions of this act to protect the health, safety and welfare of the 20 people of this state.