

House Bill 514 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to distilled spirits, so as to authorize free tastings of distilled spirits to be conducted on the premises of distillers as a part of educational and promotional distillery tours; to define certain terms; to provide for the conditions under which such consumer tastings may be conducted; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to distilled spirits, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

3-4-180.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Free tastings' means the provision of complimentary samples of distilled spirits to the public for consumption on the premises of a distiller.

(2) 'Sample' means one-half of one ounce of distilled spirits.

(b) The commissioner shall, upon proper application therefor, issue an annual permit to any distiller licensed in this state authorizing such distiller to conduct educational and promotional distillery tours which may include free tastings on the premises by members of the public of tax-paid varieties of distilled spirits manufactured by such distiller.

(c) No distiller conducting free tastings under this Code section shall provide, directly or indirectly, more than the one sample to a person in one calendar day. Free tastings shall be held in a designated tasting area on the premises of the distiller, and all open bottles shall be visible at all times."

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**SECTION 2.**

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.