

May 5, 2009

**H 1595. MALT BEVERAGE SPECIAL PERMIT.** Filed 5/5/09. *TO AUTHORIZE A MALT BEVERAGE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND A MALT BEVERAGE TASTING PERMIT.*

Amends GS 18B-902(d) to establish an application fee for a new malt beverage special event permit (\$200) and a malt beverage tasting permit (\$100). Adds new GS 18B-1001(18) defining the conditions for a malt beverage tasting permit, which involves providing samples of beverages in amounts of no more than two ounces each, without charge. Establishes further guidelines for the tasting and includes liability provisions. Amends GS 18B-1100 to authorize the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission to issue a malt beverage special event permit. Adds new GS 18B-1114.5 defining the conditions for such an event, which involves providing free tastings and selling beverages at trade shows, conventions, festivals, and other similar events approved by the Commission. Provides that such permits are valid only in jurisdictions that have approved the establishment of ABC stores or has approved the sale of malt beverages. Effective October 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Tillis.**

GS 18B

May 20, 2009

**H 1595. MALT BEVERAGE SPECIAL PERMIT.** Filed 5/5/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds to proposed GS 18B-1001(18) that a representative of a brewery whose beverages are featured at a tasting must be present at the tasting unless the wholesaler, or the wholesaler's employee, determines that a representative is not needed. Requires the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to adopt rules to assure that the tastings are limited to samplings and not a subterfuge for the unlawful sale or distribution of malt beverages (was, wine).

Adds in proposed GS 18B-1114.5 that the holder of a malt beverage importer or nonresident malt beverage vendor permit, in addition to the holder of a brewery permit, may obtain a malt beverage special event permit. Prohibits the use of a special event as a subterfuge for malt beverage suppliers to ship directly to retail permittees, unless otherwise permitted by law (was, prohibited the event permit from being issued for use at a location that maintains an on-premises or off-premises malt beverage permit).

Changes the title to *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION TO ISSUE MALT BEVERAGE SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS AND MALT BEVERAGE TASTING PERMITS IN THE SAME OR SIMILAR MANNER AS WINE.*

June 3, 2009

**H 1595. MALT BEVERAGE SPECIAL PERMIT.** Filed 5/5/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Clarifies in proposed GS 18B-1114.5 that a permittee (was, brewery) is allowed to give free tastings and sell its malt beverages at certain special events.

July 1, 2009

**H 1595. MALT BEVERAGE SPECIAL PERMIT.** Filed 5/5/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Reduces from six to four the number of malt beverages that may be tasted at any one tasting area under a malt beverage tasting permit. Further provides that, except for a brewery operating under the provisions of GS 18B-1104(7), all malt beverages sampled or sold under a malt beverage special event permit must be purchased from a

licensed malt beverages wholesaler. Also adds to the whereas clauses to reaffirm the General Assembly's support of state-based alcohol regulation and the three-tier distribution of wine and malt beverages.

August 3, 2009

**SL 2009-377 (H 1595). MALT BEVERAGE SPECIAL PERMIT. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION TO ISSUE MALT BEVERAGE SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS AND MALT BEVERAGE TASTING PERMITS IN THE SAME OR SIMILAR MANNER AS WINE.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 5/5/09, 5/20/09, 6/3/09, and 7/1/09. Enacted July 31, 2009. Effective October 1, 2009.