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# HOUSE BILL No. 1479

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 7.1-2-3-32; IC 7.1-3; IC 7.1-5; IC 34-30-2-19.5.

**Synopsis:** Various alcoholic beverage matters. Prohibits the alcohol and tobacco commission from adopting rules allowing retailers and dealers to enter into a formal group purchasing agreement for the purpose of purchasing beer from permittees authorized to sell to them. Allows a brewer of a small brewery to sell and deliver beer to a consumer. Removes a provision that allows a brewer of a large brewery to sell and deliver beer to a consumer. Prohibits a beer wholesaler from selling beer to a consumer other than an employee of the wholesaler. Allows liquor retailers and liquor dealers to provide samples: (1) of flavored malt beverages and hard cider that do not exceed six ounces; and (2) of beer that do not exceed 12 ounces. (Current law provides that a sample size of beer may not exceed six ounces.) Establishes requirements that a wine wholesaler must meet to resell wine purchased at an estate sale. Provides a wholesaler with immunity from civil liability for product liability or negligence regarding wine the wholesaler purchased at an estate auction and resold. Makes it a Class D felony for a wholesaler to sell a brand of alcoholic beverages that the permittee has not been authorized to sell by the brand's primary source of supply and allows an injured permittee to bring a civil action against the wholesaler. Increases the penalty for furnishing an alcoholic beverage to a minor to a Class B misdemeanor if the person is an adult. Prohibits a permittee from coercing another permittee to enter into an agreement or take an action that violates the alcoholic beverage statutes and rules. (Current law prohibits only a primary source of supply or a beer wholesaler from coercing a beer wholesaler.)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 7.1-2-3-32 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 32. (a) The
- 3 commission, by rule, may provide procedures whereby two (2) or more
- 4 retailers and dealers may enter into a formal group purchasing
- 5 agreement for the purpose of purchasing alcoholic beverages, **except**
- 6 **beer**, from permittees authorized to sell **the** alcoholic beverages to
- 7 them.
- 8 (b) If the commission exercises the power granted in subsection (a),
- 9 the rule shall make provisions for at least the following:
- 10 (1) The formal requirements of a group purchasing agreement.
- 11 (2) The vesting of title to the alcoholic beverages purchased under
- 12 a group purchasing agreement.
- 13 (3) The transportation by retailers and dealers of the alcoholic
- 14 beverages purchased under a group purchasing agreement.
- 15 (4) The purchase and transportation of alcoholic beverages by
- 16 retailers and dealers, whether they are parties to a group
- 17 purchasing agreement or not, as a result of a service interruption



1 or other emergency. ~~and~~  
 2 (5) The filing requirements of a group purchasing agreement or  
 3 any amendments or additions thereto.  
 4 SECTION 2. IC 7.1-3-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 7. The holder of a  
 6 brewer's permit or an out-of-state brewer holding either a primary  
 7 source of supply permit or an out-of-state brewer's permit may do the  
 8 following:  
 9 (1) Manufacture beer.  
 10 (2) Place beer in containers or bottles.  
 11 (3) Transport beer.  
 12 (4) Sell and deliver beer to a person holding a beer wholesaler's  
 13 permit issued under IC 7.1-3-3.  
 14 (5) If the brewer's brewery manufactures not more than twenty  
 15 thousand (20,000) barrels of beer in a calendar year, do the  
 16 following:  
 17 (A) Sell and deliver beer to a person holding a retailer or a  
 18 dealer permit under this title.  
 19 (B) Be the proprietor of a restaurant.  
 20 (C) Hold a beer retailer's permit, a wine retailer's permit, or a  
 21 liquor retailer's permit for a restaurant established under clause  
 22 (B).  
 23 (D) Transfer beer directly from the brewery to the restaurant  
 24 by means of:  
 25 (i) bulk containers; or  
 26 (ii) a continuous flow system.  
 27 (E) Install a window between the brewery and an adjacent  
 28 restaurant that allows the public and the permittee to view both  
 29 premises.  
 30 (F) Install a doorway or other opening between the brewery  
 31 and an adjacent restaurant that provides the public and the  
 32 permittee with access to both premises.  
 33 (G) Sell the brewery's beer by the glass for consumption on the  
 34 premises. Brewers permitted to sell beer by the glass under  
 35 this clause must furnish the minimum food requirements  
 36 prescribed by the commission.  
 37 **(H) Sell and deliver beer to a consumer at the permit**  
 38 **premises of the brewer or at the residence of the consumer.**  
 39 **The delivery to a consumer may be made only in a quantity**  
 40 **at any one (1) time of not more than one-half (1/2) barrel,**  
 41 **but the beer may be contained in bottles or other**  
 42 **permissible containers.**

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1 (6) If the brewer's brewery manufactures more than twenty  
 2 thousand (20,000) barrels of beer in a calendar year, own a  
 3 portion of the corporate stock of another brewery that:

4 (A) is located in the same county as the brewer's brewery;

5 (B) manufactures less than twenty thousand (20,000) barrels  
 6 of beer in a calendar year; and

7 (C) is the proprietor of a restaurant that operates under  
 8 subdivision (5).

9 ~~(7) Sell and deliver beer to a consumer at the plant of the brewer  
 10 or at the residence of the consumer. The delivery to a consumer  
 11 shall be made only in a quantity at any one (1) time of not more  
 12 than one-half (1/2) barrel; but the beer may be contained in bottles  
 13 or other permissible containers.~~

14 ~~(8)~~ (7) Provide complimentary samples of beer that are:

15 (A) produced by the brewer; and

16 (B) offered to consumers for consumption on the brewer's  
 17 premises.

18 ~~(9)~~ (8) Own a portion of the corporate stock of a sports  
 19 corporation that:

20 (A) manages a minor league baseball stadium located in the  
 21 same county as the brewer's brewery; and

22 (B) holds a beer retailer's permit, a wine retailer's permit, or a  
 23 liquor retailer's permit for a restaurant located in that stadium.

24 ~~(10)~~ (9) For beer described in IC 7.1-1-2-3(a)(4):

25 (A) may allow transportation to and consumption of the beer  
 26 on the licensed premises; and

27 (B) may not sell, offer to sell, or allow sale of the beer on the  
 28 licensed premises.

29 SECTION 3. IC 7.1-3-3-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.224-2005,  
 30 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 5. (a) The holder of a beer wholesaler's permit  
 32 may purchase and import from the primary source of supply, possess,  
 33 and sell at wholesale, beer and flavored malt beverages manufactured  
 34 within or without this state.

35 (b) A beer wholesaler permittee may possess, transport, sell, and  
 36 deliver beer to:

37 (1) another beer wholesaler authorized by the brewer to sell the  
 38 brand purchased;

39 (2) ~~a consumer;~~ **an employee;** or

40 (3) a holder of a beer retailer's permit, beer dealer's permit,  
 41 temporary beer permit, dining car permit, boat permit, airplane  
 42 permit, or supplemental caterer's permit;

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1 located within this state. The sale, transportation, and delivery of beer  
 2 shall be made only from inventory that has been located on the  
 3 wholesaler's premises before the time of invoicing and delivery.

4 (c) ~~Delivery of beer to a consumer shall be made in barrels only~~  
 5 ~~with the exception of~~ The beer wholesaler's bona fide regular  
 6 employees ~~who~~ may purchase beer from the wholesaler in:

7 (1) bottles, cans, or any other type of permissible containers in an  
 8 amount not to exceed forty-eight (48) pints; **or**

9 (2) **one (1) keg;**

10 at any one (1) time.

11 (d) The importation, transportation, possession, sale, and delivery  
 12 of beer shall be subject to the rules of the commission and subject to  
 13 the same restrictions provided in this title for a person holding a  
 14 brewer's permit.

15 (e) The holder of a beer wholesaler's permit may purchase, import,  
 16 possess, transport, sell, and deliver any commodity listed in  
 17 IC 7.1-3-10-5, unless prohibited by this title. However, a beer  
 18 wholesaler may deliver flavored malt beverages only to the holder of  
 19 one (1) of the following permits:

20 (1) A beer wholesaler or wine wholesaler permit, if the wholesaler  
 21 is authorized by the primary source of supply to sell the brand of  
 22 flavored malt beverage purchased.

23 (2) A wine retailer's permit, wine dealer's permit, temporary wine  
 24 permit, dining car wine permit, boat permit, airplane permit, or  
 25 supplemental caterer's permit.

26 (f) A beer wholesaler may:

27 (1) store beer for an out-of-state brewer described in IC 7.1-3-2-9  
 28 and deliver the stored beer to another beer wholesaler that the  
 29 out-of-state brewer authorizes to sell the beer;

30 (2) perform all necessary accounting and auditing functions  
 31 associated with the services described in subdivision (1); and

32 (3) receive a fee from an out-of-state brewer for the services  
 33 described in subdivisions (1) through (2).

34 SECTION 4. IC 7.1-3-9-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 11. (a) A liquor retailer  
 36 may allow customers to sample the following:

37 (1) Beer.

38 (2) Wines.

39 (3) Liquors.

40 (4) Liqueurs and cordials (as defined in 27 CFR 5.22(h)).

41 (5) **Flavored malt beverages.**

42 (6) **Hard cider.**

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- 1 (b) Sampling is permitted only:
- 2 (1) on the liquor retailer's permit premises; and
- 3 (2) during the permittee's regular business hours.
- 4 (c) A liquor retailer may not charge for the samples provided to
- 5 customers.
- 6 (d) Sample size of wines may not exceed one (1) ounce.
- 7 (e) In addition to the other provisions of this section, a liquor retailer
- 8 who allows customers to sample liquors, liqueurs, or cordials shall
- 9 comply with all of the following:
- 10 (1) A liquor retailer may allow a customer to sample only a
- 11 combined total of two (2) liquor, liqueur, or cordial samples per
- 12 day.
- 13 (2) Sample size of liqueurs or cordials may not exceed one-half
- 14 (1/2) ounce.
- 15 (3) Sample size of liquors may not exceed four-tenths (0.4) ounce.
- 16 (f) A sample size of beer may not exceed ~~six (6)~~ **twelve (12)** ounces.
- 17 **(g) A sample size of flavored malt beverage or hard cider may**
- 18 **not exceed six (6) ounces.**
- 19 SECTION 5. IC 7.1-3-10-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 13. (a) A liquor dealer
- 21 permittee who is a proprietor of a package liquor store may allow
- 22 customers to sample the following:
- 23 (1) Beer.
- 24 (2) Wines.
- 25 (3) Liquors.
- 26 (4) Liqueurs and cordials (as defined in 27 CFR 5.22(h)).
- 27 **(5) Flavored malt beverages.**
- 28 **(6) Hard cider.**
- 29 (b) Sampling is permitted:
- 30 (1) only on the package liquor store permit premises; and
- 31 (2) only during the store's regular business hours.
- 32 (c) No charge may be made for the samples provided to the
- 33 customers.
- 34 (d) Sample size of wines may not exceed one (1) ounce.
- 35 (e) In addition to the other provisions of this section, a proprietor
- 36 who allows customers to sample liquors, liqueurs, or cordials shall
- 37 comply with all of the following:
- 38 (1) A proprietor may allow a customer to sample not more than a
- 39 combined total of two (2) liquor, liqueur, or cordial samples per
- 40 day.
- 41 (2) Sample size of liqueurs or cordials may not exceed one-half
- 42 (1/2) ounce.

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1 (3) Sample size of liquors may not exceed four-tenths (0.4) ounce.

2 (f) A sample size of beer may not exceed ~~six (6)~~ **twelve (12)** ounces.

3 (g) **A sample size of flavored malt beverage or hard cider may**  
4 **not exceed six (6) ounces.**

5 SECTION 6. IC 7.1-3-13-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
6 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) A wine wholesaler may**  
8 **sell wine purchased from an estate sale only if the following**  
9 **requirements are met:**

- 10 (1) **The primary source of the wine sold at auction:**
  - 11 (A) **is authorized to sell wine in Indiana on the date the**
  - 12 **wine is resold by the wholesaler;**
  - 13 (B) **is given notice of the purchase by the wine wholesaler;**
  - 14 **and**
  - 15 (C) **authorizes the wine wholesaler to resell the wine**
  - 16 **purchased.**

17 (2) **The seller of wine at auction is a bona fide estate of an**  
18 **Indiana decedent.**

19 (3) **Each wine bottle is affixed with a sticker indicating that**  
20 **the wine was purchased from an estate.**

21 (b) **The notice given to the primary source under subsection**  
22 **(a)(1) must include the following information:**

- 23 (1) **The name of the seller.**
- 24 (2) **The amount of the product purchased and the sale price at**
- 25 **auction.**
- 26 (3) **The vintage of the wine purchased.**

27 (c) **A wholesaler is not liable for product liability or negligence**  
28 **for wine that the wholesaler sells from an estate auction purchase.**

29 SECTION 7. IC 7.1-5-5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.224-2005,  
30 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
31 JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 9. (a) It is unlawful for a beer wholesaler or a**  
32 **primary source of supply to: permittee to (†) coerce, or attempt to**  
33 **coerce, or persuade a beer wholesaler another permittee to enter into**  
34 **an agreement, or to take an action, which will violate, or tend to violate,**  
35 **a provision of this title or of the rules and regulations of the**  
36 **commission. or**

37 ~~(2)~~ **(b) It is unlawful for a beer wholesaler or a primary source**  
38 **of supply to cancel or terminate an agreement or contract between a**  
39 **beer wholesaler and a primary source of supply for the sale of beer,**  
40 **unfairly and without due regard for the equities of the other party.**

41 SECTION 8. IC 7.1-5-7-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 8. (a) It is a Class C**

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1 ~~misdemeanor~~ for A person to ~~who~~ recklessly ~~sell, barter, exchange,~~  
 2 ~~provide, or furnish~~ **sells, barter, exchanges, provides, or furnishes**  
 3 an alcoholic beverage to a minor **commits:**

4 **(1) a Class B misdemeanor if the person is at least twenty-one**  
 5 **(21) years of age; and**

6 **(2) a Class C misdemeanor if the person is less than**  
 7 **twenty-one (21) years of age.**

8 (b) This section shall not be construed to impose civil liability upon  
 9 any educational institution of higher learning, including but not limited to  
 10 to public and private universities and colleges, business schools,  
 11 vocational schools, and schools for continuing education, or its agents  
 12 for injury to any person or property sustained in consequence of a  
 13 violation of this section unless such institution or its agent sells,  
 14 barter, exchanges, provides, or furnishes an alcoholic beverage to a  
 15 minor.

16 SECTION 9. IC 7.1-5-10-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 17 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 18 1, 2007]: **Sec. 23. (a) A wholesaler permittee who knowingly or**  
 19 **intentionally sells a brand of alcoholic beverages that the**  
 20 **wholesaler permittee has not been authorized to sell by the brand's**  
 21 **primary source of supply commits a Class D felony.**

22 **(b) A permittee who is injured as a result of a violation of this**  
 23 **section has a private right of action to bring a civil action to**  
 24 **recover compensatory damages against the wholesaler permittee**  
 25 **who violates this section.**

26 SECTION 10. IC 34-30-2-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 19.5. IC 7.1-3-13-3.5 (Concerning**  
 28 **wine purchased at an estate sale and resold by a wine wholesaler).**  
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30 SECTION 11. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] **IC 7.1-5-7-8, as**  
 31 **amended by this act, and IC 7.1-5-10-23, as added by this act, apply**  
 32 **only to offenses committed after June 30, 2007.**

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