



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Kozlowski and Young, Huffman, Beck, Thompson, Ramos, Maag, Hall

BILL SUMMARY

- Eliminates the restriction on the number of A-3a liquor permits that may be issued per county.
- Eliminates the restriction on the issuance of A-3a liquor permits in counties with a population of 800,000 or less.
- Specifies that new A-3a liquor permits issued after the bill's effective date are subject to local option election.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

A-3a liquor permit

The bill eliminates a restriction against the issuance of more than one A-3a liquor permit in a county. Furthermore, the bill eliminates a restriction against the issuance of an A-3a liquor permit in a county with a population of 800,000 or less. It also generally prohibits any new A-3a liquor permits from being issued unless a local option election held pursuant to current law has permitted the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor in the precinct in which the A-3a permit is proposed to be located. However, this prohibition does not prohibit the issuance of an A-3a permit to an applicant for such a permit who has filed an application with the Division of Liquor Control before the bill's effective date.¹

Currently, an A-3a liquor permit is issued to a distiller that manufactures less than 10,000 gallons of spirituous liquor per year. An A-3a permit holder may sell

¹ R.C. 4303.041(B).

spirituous liquor that the permit holder manufactures to a personal consumer, in sealed containers for consumption off the premises where manufactured. However, sales to the personal consumer may occur only by an in-person transaction at the permit premises.²

Generally, beer includes all beverages brewed or fermented wholly or in part from malt products and containing .5% or more, but not more than 12%, of alcohol by volume. Intoxicating liquor includes all liquids and compounds, other than beer, containing .5% or more of alcohol by volume.³

HISTORY

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Introduced	06-01-11

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² R.C. 4303.041(A).

³ R.C. 4301.01, not in the bill.

