

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 210

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the House Committee on Judiciary, or a subcommittee thereof, to study and make recommendations for legislation on the regulation of the craft brewing industry in this state and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session.

WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks last nationally for the number of breweries per capita having only one and three-tenths breweries per capita; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, there were only twelve breweries in Louisiana and today there are forty-four; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the craft brewing industry incurred an 8% volume sales loss nationally and a 22.2% volume sales loss in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the tourists and residents of this state expect to engage in our culture by taking advantage of a thriving selection of local beer; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the vitalization of this state to conduct studies on the best ways to continue to grow the craft brewing industry and to increase investment in local products.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request the House Committee on Judiciary, or a subcommittee thereof, to study and make recommendations for legislation on the regulation of the craft brewing industry in this state and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study shall focus on state and local impact, economic development, best practices, manufacturing, distribution, and retail sales of the craft brewing industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on Judiciary may request information from the following:

- (1) The Department of Economic Development.
- (2) The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.
- (3) The Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
- (4) The office of alcohol and tobacco control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES