

SENATE BILL 375

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 57, Chapter 5, relative to instructional classes involving manufacturing of beer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) A qualified student may taste beer, and the student, the authorized instructor, and the qualified academic institution in which the student is enrolled shall not be subject to criminal prosecution under § 57-5-301 or title 39, chapter 17, part 7, if all of the following criteria are met:

(1) The qualified student tastes the beer while enrolled in a qualified academic institution;

(2) The qualified academic institution has established a required or elective course in brewing that is designed to train industry professionals in the manufacture of beer;

(3) The qualified student tastes beer for educational purposes as part of the instruction in the course; and

(4) The beer remains in the control of an authorized instructor of the qualified academic institution who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow a student under twenty-one (21) years of age to receive beer unless it is delivered as part of the student's course requirements.

(c) A license or permit is not required to be held by a qualified academic institution engaging in the activities authorized by this section; provided, that an extra fee or charge is not imposed for the beer tasted. Any tuition normally charged for a course shall not be considered an extra fee or charge.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Qualified academic institution" means a public or private college, university, or community college;

(2) "Qualified student" means a student enrolled in a qualified academic institution who is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

(3) "Taste" means to draw beer into the mouth, but does not include swallowing or otherwise consuming the beer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.