

HB 101 -- LIQUOR AND WINE TASTING (Loehner)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Local Government

This bill allows any winery, distiller, manufacturer, wholesaler, or brewer or designated employee, with the permission of the licensee, to provide samples for customer tasting purposes at licensed retail premises that have a special permit or a by-the-drink-for-consumption-on-the-premises-where-sold retail license. No money or anything of value can be given to the retailer for the privilege or opportunity to conduct the tasting.

An employee of or a sampling service retained by a winery, distiller, manufacturer, wholesaler, or brewer may dispense distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverage samples. All employees of a sampling service who actually dispense samples must complete a server training program approved by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control within the Department of Public Safety.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.