

1-1 By: Flores (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 1510
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2003;
1-3 April 14, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Business and Commerce; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to package store tasting permits.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Sections 52.01(b), (e), (j), and (k), Alcoholic
1-11 Beverage Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-12 (b) Written notification of a product tasting must be posted
1-13 on the licensed premises of the permit holder's package store [~~made~~
1-14 ~~to the commission by mailing a letter to the commission~~] not later
1-15 than 48 [~~72~~] hours before the tasting event. The notification shall
1-16 clearly state:

1-17 (1) the type and brand of alcoholic beverage to be
1-18 tasted;

1-19 (2) the date and hours the tasting is to take place;
1-20 and

1-21 (3) the address of the premises where the tasting is to
1-22 occur.

1-23 (e) Not more than 20 different products may be made
1-24 available for tasting at [A+] any one time [~~, not more than two of~~
1-25 ~~the following categories may be tasted:~~

1-26 [~~(1) distilled spirits,~~

1-27 [~~(2) wine, or~~

1-28 [~~(3) beer and coolers~~].

1-29 (j) At the conclusion of the tasting, all empty or open
1-30 containers of alcoholic beverages used in the tasting shall be
1-31 removed from the premises or stored in a locked, secure area on the
1-32 licensed premises.

1-33 (k) A tasting event authorized by this section may not be
1-34 advertised except by on-site communications, [or] by direct mail,
1-35 by electronic mail, or on the permit holder's Internet website.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 52.01(f), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is
1-37 repealed.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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