By:  Burrows, et al. (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 3768

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019; May 6, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; May 15, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock              X

Nichols              X

Campbell             X

Creighton                      X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Schwertner           X

Whitmire                       X

Zaffirini            X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing tastings by certain alcoholic beverage manufacturers at certain events.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 109, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 109.541 to read as follows:

Sec. 109.541.  TASTINGS AT CERTAIN FESTIVALS AND CIVIC CELEBRATIONS. A person who holds a license or permit to manufacture alcoholic beverages in this state may conduct product tastings without the issuance of another license or permit under this code if those tastings are conducted:

(1)  as part of and under the direction of the "Go Texan" Partner Program under Chapter 46, Agriculture Code; and

(2)  during a festival or civic celebration that:

(A)  has been held near-annually for at least 100 years; and

(B)  is at least 21 days long.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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