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SENATE BILL **257**

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the sale of beer in refillable containers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Hosmer, Dist 7; Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Rep. S. Schmidt, Carr 6; Rep. Merrow, Carr 5

COMMITTEE: Commerce

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the sale of beer in refillable containers.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the sale of beer in refillable containers.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 73:1 New Section; Commission to Study the Sale of Beer in Refillable Containers. Amend RSA
2 176 by inserting after section 18 the following new section:

3 176:19 Commission to Study the Sale of Beer in Refillable Containers.

4 I. There is established a commission to study the sale of beer in refillable containers.

5 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

6 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

7 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
8 of representatives.

9 (c) The director of the division of enforcement and licensing of the liquor commission, or
10 designee.

11 (d) A wholesale distributor licensee, appointed by Beer Distributors of New Hampshire.

12 (e) One on-premises licensee and one brew pub licensee, appointed by the
13 New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association.

14 (f) An off-premises licensee, appointed by the New Hampshire Grocers Association.

15 (g) One beverage manufacturer licensee who manufacturers over 2,500 barrels of beer
16 annually, and one licensee who holds either a brew pub or nano brewery license, appointed by the
17 Granite State Brewers Association.

18 III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
19 attending to the duties of the commission.

20 IV. The commission shall study packaging definitions and standards, retail logistics,
21 consumer procedures, and general health and safety issues arising from authorizing liquor licensees
22 to sell draft beer in refillable containers. It shall report its findings on the protocols and systems
23 that should be in place in order to allow on-premises and off-premises licensees to sell beer in
24 refillable containers.

25 V. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
26 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
27 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of the
28 commission shall constitute a quorum.

29 VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations to the president of

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1 the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the
2 governor, and the state library on or before December 1, 2014.

3 73:2 Repeal. RSA 176:19, relative to commission to study the sale of beer in refillable
4 containers, is repealed.

5 73:3 Effective Date.

6 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect December 1, 2014.

7 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

8 Approved: May 27, 2014

9 Effective Date: I. Section 2 shall take effect December 1, 2014

10 II. Remainder shall take effect May 27, 2014