

**CHAPTER 9**  
**HB 177-FN – FINAL VERSION**

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HOUSE BILL            ***177-FN***

AN ACT                relative to sales of alcoholic beverages by manufacturers.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Hunt, Ches 11

COMMITTEE:          Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes sales of samples of alcoholic beverages by manufacturers. Samples sold by beverage manufacturers would be for on-premises consumption.

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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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Fifteen*

AN ACT                   relative to sales of alcoholic beverages by manufacturers.

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

1           9:1 Liquor Manufacturer License. Amend RSA 178:6, IV to read as follows:

2           IV. A liquor manufacturer may provide to visitors ***of legal drinking age*** at its facility  
3 samples of liquor ***manufactured on the premises*** for tasting. Samples [~~shall not exceed 1/2 ounce,~~  
4 ~~and shall not be provided to any persons under 21 years of age]~~ ***may be provided either free or for***  
5 ***a fee and shall be limited to one 1/2-ounce sample per label per person. Samples sold under***  
6 ***this section shall be subject to fees as established in paragraph VI.***

7           9:2 Rectifier License. Amend RSA 178:7, IV to read as follows:

8           IV. A rectifier may provide [~~a reasonable number of]~~ samples of liquor ***rectified on the***  
9 ***premises*** for tasting to [~~a visitor]~~ ***visitors of legal drinking age*** at its licensed rectifier facility.  
10 Samples [~~shall not exceed 1/2 ounce, and shall not be provided to any person under 21 years of age]~~  
11 ***may be provided either free or for a fee and shall be limited to one 1/2-ounce sample per***  
12 ***label per person. Samples sold under this section shall be subject to fees as established in***  
13 ***paragraph VI.***

14           9:3 Wine Manufacturer License. Amend RSA 178:8, III to read as follows:

15           III. Each wine manufacturer shall have the right to sell at retail or wholesale at its winery  
16 for off-premises consumption any of its wines. Visitors ***of legal drinking age*** at said premises may  
17 be provided with [~~reasonable~~] samples of wine ***manufactured on the premises*** for tasting.  
18 ***Samples may be provided either free or for a fee and shall be limited to one 2-ounce sample***  
19 ***per label per person.*** Pursuant to rules adopted by the commission, a wine manufacturer may  
20 transport its products to a farmers' market or a wine festival licensed under RSA 178:31, and may  
21 sell such products at retail in the original container.

22           9:4 New Paragraph; Beverage Manufacturer; Sales for On-Premises Consumption. Amend  
23 RSA 178:12 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

24           II-a. The holder of a beverage manufacturer license may sell beverage samples to visitors of  
25 legal drinking age for consumption on the premises where the beverages were manufactured. Sales  
26 of samples for consumption on the premises shall be limited to one 4-ounce glass per label per  
27 person.

28           9:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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- 1 Approved: May 5, 2015
- 2 Effective Date: July 1, 2015