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SENATE BILL **99**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study allowing the sampling of beer or wine at farmers' markets, establishing a committee to study powdered or crystalline alcohol, and relative to the definition of alcohol.

SPONSORS: Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. B. French, Merr 6; Rep. Sad, Ches 1; Rep. Hirsch, Merr 6

COMMITTEE: Commerce

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study allowing the sampling of beer or wine at farmers' markets.

This bill establishes a committee to study powdered or crystalline alcohol.

This bill also adds solids, powders, and crystals to the definition of alcohol.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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                    establishing a committee to study allowing the sampling of beer or wine at farmers' markets, establishing a committee to study powdered or crystalline alcohol, and relative to the definition of alcohol.

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

1            267:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study allowing the sampling  
2 of beer or wine at farmers markets.

3            267:2 Membership and Compensation.

4            I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

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

6            (b) Four members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be members of the  
7 commerce and consumer affairs committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

8            II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
9 the duties of the committee.

10          267:3 Duties. The committee shall study allowing the sampling of beer or wine at farmers'  
11 markets. The committee shall seek the participation, input, expertise, and advice of New Futures,  
12 the department of agriculture, markets, and food, the liquor commission, the Northeast Organic  
13 Farming Association of New Hampshire, the Granite State Brewers Association, the New Hampshire  
14 Farm Bureau, the New Hampshire Farmer's Market Association, and other persons or other entities  
15 deemed relevant to the committee's study.

16          267:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson  
17 from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member.  
18 The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.  
19 Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

20          267:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
21 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate  
22 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2015.

23          267:6 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study powdered or  
24 crystalline alcohol.

25          I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

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1           (a) Four members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be members of the  
2 commerce and consumer affairs committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

3           (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

4           II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
5 the duties of the committee.

6           III. The committee shall study powdered or crystalline alcohol. The committee's study shall  
7 include, but not be limited to, considering whether the sale of powdered or crystalline alcohol should  
8 be banned in New Hampshire or, if not, the regulations that should be in place before the sale of  
9 powdered or crystalline alcohol may begin in New Hampshire. The committee shall review  
10 legislation relative to powdered or crystalline alcohol established in other states.

11          IV. The committee shall solicit information from any person or entity the committee deems  
12 relevant to its study.

13          V. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members.  
14 The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first  
15 meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three  
16 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

17          VI. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
18 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
19 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2015.

20          267:7 Alcohol; Definition. Amend RSA 175:1, III to read as follows:

21           III. "Alcohol" means that substance known as ethyl alcohol or hydrated oxide of ethyl alcohol  
22 which is commonly produced by the fermentation or distillation of grain, starch, molasses, sugar,  
23 potatoes or other substances, including all ***solids, powders, crystals***, dilutions and mixtures of  
24 these substances.

25          267:8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

26 Approved: July 20, 2015

27 Effective Date: July 20, 2015