SENATE BILL No. 269

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverages; relating to retailer licenses offering alcoholic liquor sampling; amending K.S.A. 41-308 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 41-308 is hereby amended to read as follows: 41-308. (a) Except as provided in new section 2, and amendments thereto, a retailer's license shall allow the licensee to sell and offer for sale at retail and deliver in the original package, as therein prescribed, alcoholic liquor for use or consumption off of and away from the premises specified in such license. A retailer's license shall permit sale and delivery of alcoholic liquor only on the licensed premises and shall not permit sale of alcoholic liquor for resale in any form, except that a licensed retailer may:

(1) Sell alcoholic liquor to a temporary permit holder for resale by such permit holder; and
(2) sell and deliver alcoholic liquor to a caterer or to the licensed premises of a club or drinking establishment, if such premises are in the county where the retailer's premises are located or in an adjacent county, for resale by such club, establishment or caterer.

(b) The holder of a retailer's license shall not sell, offer for sale, give away or permit to be sold, offered for sale or given away in or from the premises specified in such license any service or thing of value whatsoever except alcoholic liquor in the original package, except that a licensed retailer may:

(1) Charge a delivery fee for delivery to a club, drinking establishment or caterer pursuant to subsection (a);
(2) sell lottery tickets and shares to the public in accordance with the Kansas lottery act, if the retailer is selected as a lottery retailer;
(3) include in the sale of alcoholic liquor any goods included by the manufacturer in packaging with the alcoholic liquor, subject to the approval of the director; and
(4) distribute to the public, without charge, consumer advertising specialities bearing advertising matter, subject to rules and regulations of the secretary limiting the form and distribution of such specialities so that they are not conditioned on or an inducement to the purchase of alcoholic liquor.
(c) No licensed retailer shall furnish any entertainment in such premises or permit any pinball machine or game of skill or chance to be located in or on such premises.

(d) A retailer's license shall allow the licensee to store alcoholic liquor in refrigerators, cold storage units, ice boxes or other cooling devices, and the licensee may sell such alcoholic liquor to consumers in a chilled condition.

New Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Kansas liquor control act to the contrary, any person or entity who is licensed to sell alcoholic liquor in the original package at retail may conduct wine, malt beverage beer, and distilled spirit tastings on the licensed premises, or adjacent premises, monitored and regulated by the division of alcoholic beverage control, as follows:

(1) Wine, beer and spirits for the tastings shall come from the inventory of the licensee. Except as provided by paragraph (2), a person other than the licensee or the licensee’s agent or employee may not dispense or participate in the dispensing of alcoholic beverages under this section.

(2) The holder of a supplier's permit or such permit holder's agent or employee may participate in and conduct product tastings of alcoholic beverages at a retail licensee’s premises, or adjacent premises, monitored and regulated by the division of alcoholic beverage control, and may open, touch, or pour alcoholic beverages, make a presentation, or answer questions at the tasting. Any alcoholic beverage tasted under this subsection must be purchased from the package store retailer on whose premises the tasting is held. The retailer may not require the purchase of more alcoholic beverages than are necessary for the tasting. This section does not authorize the holder of a nonresident seller's or manufacturer's agent's permit to withdraw or purchase an alcoholic beverage from the holder of a wholesaler's permit or provide an alcoholic beverage for tasting on a retailer's premises that is not purchased from the retailer.

(3) Sample portions at a product tasting shall be limited to no more than:

(A) One-half ounce for distilled spirits;
(B) one ounce for wine; and
(C) two ounces for beer and malt beverages.

(4) No charge of any sort may be made for a sample serving.

(5) A person may be served more than one sample. Samples may not be served to a minor. No samples may be removed from the licensed premises.

(6) The act of providing samples to consumers shall be exempt from the requirement of holding a Kansas food service dealer license from the
department of agriculture under the provisions of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the licensee to sell wine, malt beverages or distilled spirits for on-premises consumption.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 41-308 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.