
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. John Barker, Chairman, House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

FROM: Debbi Beavers, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division

DATE: March 22, 2019

SUBJECT: Proponent Testimony for SB 70

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill, which amends existing law, consolidates temporary permits and expands certain rights of the permit.

The ABC division has spent a considerable amount of time working with event planners to determine if their event falls within current laws. ABC hosted a meeting with industry members and organizations who frequently obtain temporary permits to discuss how to make the temporary permit more flexible for these events.

The bill requires temporary permit applications to be submitted to ABC online with payment by check or credit card.

Some of the key changes are:

- Allowing a permit holder to purchase and possess alcoholic liquor for three days before the first day of the event.
- Allowing 48 hours for the permit holder to pay the retailer or farm winery and the retailer to pay the distributor when hours of operation make it impossible to make immediate payment.
- Allows a distributor to make direct delivery of alcoholic liquor to the permit premises.

- Allows the permit holder to sell alcoholic liquor back to the retailer or farm winery within three days of the event. Requires permission from the ABC director after three days.
- Authorizes temporary permit holders to offer samples from their inventory; or, a supplier permit holder or their agent may provide samples purchased from a retail liquor store or the temporary permit holder. No charge can be made for such samples.
- Excludes temporary permit holders from the keg tag registration act.
- Authorizes a drinking establishment, drinking establishment caterer, public venue, hotel or hotel caterer, to extend its licensed premises for consumption of alcoholic liquor on public streets, alleys, roads, sidewalks or highways when approved by ordinance or resolution by the local governing body and the streets, alleys, roads or highways are closed.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill at the request of the ABC to add sample sizes to the liquor control act and the club and drinking establishment act. This makes samples the same across the board for all liquor licensees and permit holders. “Sample” means a serving of alcoholic liquor which contains not more than: (1) One-half ounce of distilled spirits: (2) one ounce of wine: or (3) two ounces of beer or cereal malt beverage. A sample of mixed drink alcoholic beverage shall contain no more than one-half ounce of distilled spirits.