



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Ramos, Henne, Becker, Antonio, Retherford, Driehaus, Lepore-Hagan, Phillips, Blessing, Sheehy, Roegner, Reece, Brenner

BILL SUMMARY

Alcohol content of beer

- Increases the legally permitted alcohol content of beer from 12% to 21%.
- Beginning on the bill's effective date, allows beer manufacturers located in Ohio to manufacture beer containing not more than 21% of alcohol by volume.
- Beginning one year after the bill's effective date, allows the sale and distribution in Ohio of beer containing not more than 21% of alcohol by volume.¹

Stimulants in beer

- Prohibits the inclusion of caffeine or other stimulants (including guarana, ginseng, or taurine) in beer containing more than 12% of alcohol by volume.
- Specifies that the prohibition does not apply to beer that has incidental amounts of caffeine from coffee, chocolate, or tea.²

HISTORY

ACTION

DATE

Introduced

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¹ R.C. 4301.01 and Sections 3 and 4.

² R.C. 4301.71.