



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Eliminates the maximum permitted alcohol content of beer, which is currently 12% alcohol by volume (ABV).

States that beer, regardless of the percent of ABV, is not intoxicating liquor for purposes of the Revised Code or any rules adopted under it.

Establishes labeling requirements for high alcohol content beer (greater than 12% ABV).

Adds an additional exemption to the Open Container Law that allows a person to possess an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises of a market that has been in operation since 1860 and for which an F-8 liquor permit is held if:

--The beer or intoxicating liquor was purchased from an adjacent D liquor permit premises; and

--The market is hosting an event pursuant to an F-8 permit held for the market, has notified the Division of Liquor Control of the event as required under the permit, and grants permission for the possession and consumption within the defined F-8 permit premises.