

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1334

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2016

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1334.

As amended and reported, the bill permits the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue a permit to the holder of a limited or restricted brewery license to sell beer in growlers at a seasonal farm market.

Under the bill, a permit to sell beer at a seasonal farm market would be issued for periods of one day or for one year from the date it is issued and the annual permit may be renewed as long as the person to whom it was issued continues to hold a limited or restricted brewery license. The bill authorizes the director to impose a fee not to exceed \$25 for a daily permit and \$75 for the issuance or renewal of an annual permit.

Persons holding a valid permit would be entitled to transport beer that the permit holder produced to sell at a seasonal farm market for offsite consumption, but not able to sell it at a seasonal farm market located in a municipality where the sale of alcoholic beverages has been prohibited at seasonal farm markets or otherwise. A separate permit is required for each seasonal farm market.

The committee amended the bill to establish that only 32, 64, or 128 ounce growler containers are to be sold with a permit and to limit the offering of samples to four three-ounce samples of beer per person of legal age per day. The definition of community farm market has been removed and the bill now applies to seasonal farm markets. A permit cannot be issued for a seasonal farm market in a municipality that bans the sale of beer at seasonal farm markets, even if the municipality otherwise permits alcohol sales. The bill now provides for a daily permit in addition to an annual permit. The amendments also change the effective date to the second month following enactment.