

**SENATE, No. 2121**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Allows dogs in sampling and tasting areas of breweries.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**S2121 DOHERTY**

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1 **AN ACT** concerning breweries and supplementing Title 33 of the  
2 Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. A dog may be allowed in any area of the licensed premises  
8 of a limited brewery licensed pursuant to R.S.33:1-10 designated  
9 for the consumption of malt alcoholic beverages, provided that:

10 a. the holder of the limited brewery license elects to allow dogs  
11 to be present in the area of the licensed premises designated for the  
12 consumption of malt alcoholic beverages;

13 b. dogs do not have access to any area of the licensed premises  
14 where the presence of the dog would present a risk of contamination  
15 of malt alcoholic beverages or other products produced for human  
16 consumption by the brewery;

17 c. the area of the licensed premises designated for the  
18 consumption of malt alcoholic beverages where dogs are allowed  
19 can be accessed without passing through any areas of the licensed  
20 premises where the presence of a dog would present a risk of  
21 contamination of malt alcoholic beverages or other products  
22 produced for human consumption by the brewery;

23 d. the presence of dogs in the area of the licensed premises  
24 designated for the consumption of malt alcoholic beverages does  
25 not result in contamination of any clean equipment, glassware,  
26 utensils, or other articles used in connection with furnishing  
27 samples of malt alcoholic beverages to consumers;

28 e. staff members are not allowed, while on duty, to have any  
29 direct contact with dogs, and any staff member who does have  
30 direct contact with a dog while on duty shall promptly wash the  
31 staff member's hands in accordance with State public health and  
32 sanitation requirements;

33 f. the area of the licensed premises that is designated for the  
34 consumption of malt alcoholic beverages is maintained in a clean  
35 condition, and surfaces that have been contaminated by a dog's  
36 excrement or bodily fluids are promptly cleaned and sanitized;

37 g. any food or water provided to dogs while on the licensed  
38 premises is in a single-use, disposable container; and

39 h. the dog is on a leash or confined in a pet carrier and is under  
40 the control of its owner at all times while the dog is present in the  
41 designated area of the licensed premises.

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43 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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**STATEMENT**

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48 This bill allows dogs in areas of limited breweries that are  
49 designated for the consumption of malt alcoholic beverages.

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1 Under the bill, dogs are allowed in any area of the licensed  
2 premises of a limited brewery that is designated for the  
3 consumption of malt alcoholic beverages provided that: 1) the  
4 holder of a limited brewery license has elected to allow dogs on the  
5 licensed premises; 2) dogs will not have access to any areas of the  
6 premises where a dog would present a risk of contamination of  
7 products intended for human consumption; 3) the area of the  
8 licensed premises designated for consumption of malt alcoholic  
9 beverages can be accessed without passing through any areas of the  
10 licensed premises where the presence of a dog would present a risk  
11 of contamination of products intended for human consumption; 4)  
12 the presence of dogs will not present a risk of contaminating any  
13 clean equipment, glassware, or related articles in the area  
14 designated for the consumption of malt alcoholic beverages; 5) staff  
15 members are not allowed to have any direct contact with dogs while  
16 on duty, and will be required to promptly wash their hands  
17 following any direct contact with a dog; 6) the designated area is  
18 maintained in a clean condition, and any surfaces contaminated by  
19 dog excrement or bodily fluids are promptly cleaned and sanitized;  
20 7) any food or water provided to dogs is provided in a single-use,  
21 disposable container; and 8) dogs are required to be on leashes or in  
22 carriers and under the owner's control at all times.