

# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 3673**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2021

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3673.

As reported by the committee, this bill authorizes limited brewery and craft distillery licensees to sell and offer samples of their product that was bottled and stored in a bonded warehouse.

Current law authorizes the holder of a limited brewery license to sell its product at retail and to offer samples at the brewery location. Retail sales or sampling of other beer or alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Under the bill, a limited brewery licensee which also holds a bonded warehouse bottling license is authorized to sell at retail and offer for sampling on the brewery premises product that was brewed at the brewery and subsequently bottled and stored off-site pursuant to the bonded warehouse bottling license.

Current law also authorizes the holder of a craft distillery license to sell product at retail and offer product for samples at the distillery location. The bill similarly authorizes craft distillery licensees which also holds a bonded warehouse bottling license to sell at retail and offer for sampling on the distillery premises product that was manufactured at the distillery and subsequently bottled and stored off-site pursuant to the bonded warehouse bottling license.

The bill further authorizes craft distillery licensees to mix its product into a cocktail with non-alcoholic beverages, mixers, or garnishings.

Finally, the bill authorizes craft distillery licensees to also manufacture redistilled alcoholic beverages. Current law only authorizes the manufacture of distilled alcoholic beverages.