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SENATE BILL DRS55034-ML-71B (02/07)

Short Title: Increase Small Brewery Limits. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tarte, Krawiec, and J. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BARRELS OF MALT BEVERAGES A  
3 SMALL BREWERY MAY SELF-DISTRIBUTE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 18B-1104(8) reads as rewritten:

6 "(8) Obtain a malt beverage wholesaler permit to sell, deliver, and ship at  
7 wholesale only malt beverages manufactured by the brewery. The  
8 authorization of this subdivision applies to a brewery that sells, to consumers  
9 at the brewery, to wholesalers, to retailers, and to exporters, fewer than  
10 ~~25,000~~103,091 barrels, as defined in G.S. 81A-9, of malt beverages  
11 produced by it per year. A brewery not exceeding the sales quantity  
12 limitations in this subdivision may also sell the malt beverages manufactured  
13 by the brewery at not more than three other locations in the State, where the  
14 sale is legal, upon obtaining the appropriate permits under G.S. 18B-1001. A  
15 brewery operating any additional retail location pursuant to this subdivision  
16 shall also offer for sale at that location a reasonable selection of competitive  
17 malt beverage products."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 105-113.68(a)(13) reads as rewritten:

19 "(13) Wholesaler or importer. – When used with reference to wholesalers or  
20 importers of wine or malt beverages, the term includes resident wineries that  
21 sell their wines at retail and resident breweries that produce fewer than  
22 ~~25,000~~the number of barrels of malt beverages per ~~year~~-year set forth in  
23 G.S. 18B-1104(8)."

24 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

