



SENATE BILL 527: ABC Omnibus 2023-24, Sec. 15: Establish Malt Beverage Shop Permit

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Committee:		Date:	August 26, 2024
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Chris Saunders Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	Sec. 15 of S.L. 2024-41		

OVERVIEW: Section 15 of S.L. 2024-41 creates a malt beverage shop permit with the same privileges as a wine shop permit, except for businesses whose primary purpose is selling malt beverages for consumption off the premises and regularly and customarily educating consumers through tastings, classes, and seminars about the selection, serving, and storing of malt beverages. The permit costs \$100 but the annual renewal fee is \$500.

This section became effective July 8, 2024.

CURRENT LAW: Under prior existing law, a wine shop permit allows the permittee to (i) sell malt beverages, unfortified wine, and fortified wine in the manufacturer's original container for consumption off the premises, (ii) sell malt beverages or unfortified wine dispensed from a tap connected to a pressurized container, (iii) hold wine tastings on the premises conducted and supervised by the permittee, and (iv) ship malt beverages, unfortified wine, and fortified wine in closed containers to individual purchasers inside and outside the State. The permittee may also sell unfortified wine for consumption on the premises, provided that the sale of wine for consumption on the premises does not exceed 40% of the establishment's total sales for any 30-day period. A wine shop permit costs \$100 but the annual renewal fee is \$500.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 15 of S.L. 2024-41 creates a malt beverage shop permit with the same privileges as a wine shop permit, except for businesses whose primary purpose is selling malt beverages for consumption off the premises and regularly and customarily educating consumers through tastings, classes, and seminars about the selection, serving, and storing of malt beverages. The permit costs \$100 but the annual renewal fee is \$500.

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