

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 313

Short Title: Increase Small Brewery Limits. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tarte, Krawiec, J. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Rabin, Smith-Ingram, and Waddell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 20, 2017

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.

