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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LOEHNER (Sponsor), MAY AND SCHLOTTACH (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 311, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the tasting of alcohol.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 311, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 311.297, to read as follows:

311.297. 1. **Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary,**
2 **any winery, distiller, manufacturer, wholesaler or brewer, or designated employee may**
3 **provide, furnish, or pour distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverage samples on a retail**
4 **licensed premises for customer tasting purposes. The retail licensed premises where such**
5 **product tasting is provided shall maintain a special permit in accordance with section**
6 **311.294 or hold a by the drink for consumption on the premises where sold retail license.**

7 2. **No money or something of value shall be given to the retailers for the privilege**
8 **or opportunity of conducting the on-the-premises product tasting. In addition, the product**
9 **tasting shall be provided to the customer free of charge.**

10 3. **Any winery, distiller, manufacturer, wholesaler or brewer, or designated**
11 **employee may provide and pour distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverage samples off a**
12 **licensed retail premises for tasting purposes provided no sales transactions take place.**
13 **Solicitation for later sales via forms or promotional materials shall not constitute a**
14 **violation of this section.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.