



May 31, 2018

Administrative Procedures Secretary  
Alabama ABC Board  
P.O. Box 1151  
Montgomery, AL 36101

RE: Request Amendment to 20-X-7-.10, Alabama Administrative Code, regarding Beer Tastings

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is a public petition for rule modification. I am writing to request that the Administrative Code section 20-X-7-.10, Beer Tastings, be amended to delete subsection (f), which reads:

(f) Beer tastings shall be limited to products which have not been available, or have not been widely distributed, within the State of Alabama for a period of more than one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the beer tasting.

I believe this provision is vague in its language concerning "widely distributed," which creates confusion for retail licensees due to the unclear language and definition of "widely distributed."

More importantly, this provision arbitrarily discriminates against beer, as the regulations concerning wine and spirits tastings do not have similar restrictions.

In the United States alone, more than six thousand breweries produce more than a hundred recognized beer styles. In the current and exciting environment for beer, this restriction unfairly discriminates against this diverse and complex beverage and puts an unnecessary burden on retail licensees that want to introduce their customers to new brands and styles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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