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Intoxicating Liquor (Breweries and Distilleries) Bill 2016

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Explanatory Memorandum



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Purpose of Bill

Many distilleries and breweries, including micro-breweries, are tourist attractions and welcome visitors on guided tours. Under the Licencing Acts, however, unless the owners acquire a pub licence or an off-licence, it is not possible to sell those visitors the product that is made on the premises.

The purpose of this short Bill is to rectify that situation by permitting the sale by distilleries and breweries of their own product to tourists and other visitors. The Bill also covers the making of cider and perry.

Provisions of Bill

Section 1 provides that, where beer is brewed, spirits are distilled or cider or perry is made, in accordance with the appropriate licence, on premises to which visitors are admitted on guided tours, the Revenue Commissioners shall, on application grant a licence under this section.

Such a licence authorises the sale to such visitors of the beer brewed, spirits distilled or the cider or perry made on those premises, but no other intoxicating liquor, for consumption on or off those premises. Sales may take place only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day other than Good Friday or Christmas Day.

A licence holder who sells intoxicating liquor at the premises concerned otherwise than in accordance with that licence is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a Class A fine.

A licence granted under this section revokes any existing licence granted under the Licensing Acts relating to the premises, e.g., a publican's licence or an off-licence.

Section 2 provides that certain provisions of the Licencing Acts relating to exemption orders, occasional licences and other non-applicable provisions do not apply to licences under this section.

Section 3 provides in standard form for the short title and the collective citation and construction of the Act.

Deputy Alan Kelly
Samhain, 2016.