

1 SB153  
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3 By Senator Dixon  
4 RFD: Tourism and Marketing  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would permit the production of  
9 homebrewed beer, mead, cider, and wine for personal  
10 use and would facilitate organized tasting and  
11 judging events.

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13 A BILL  
14 TO BE ENTITLED  
15 AN ACT  
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17 To permit the production of homebrewed beer, mead,  
18 cider, and wine for personal use.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any provisions to the  
21 contrary, a person who is not prohibited by Section 28-1-5,  
22 Code of Alabama 1975, from purchasing, consuming, possessing,  
23 or transporting alcoholic beverages due to age may produce  
24 beer, mead, cider, and wine for personal and noncommercial  
25 uses, in the amounts specified in this section, without  
26 payment of taxes or fees and without obtaining a license. The  
27 aggregate amount of the beer, mead, cider, and wine permitted

1 to be produced under this section, with respect to any  
2 household, shall not exceed the aggregate amounts specified in  
3 26 U.S.C §5053(e).

4 (b) Beer, mead, cider, or wine produced under this  
5 section may not be sold or offered for sale.

6 (c) Beer, mead, cider, or wine produced under this  
7 section may be removed from the premises where it was produced  
8 and may be transported for personal and noncommercial uses,  
9 including use at organized events, such as homebrewing  
10 competitions, tastings, judgments, and craft exhibitions.  
11 Organized events involving beer, mead, cider, or wine produced  
12 for personal use may be held on the premises of entities  
13 licensed under Title 28, Code of Alabama 1975, without  
14 violating the terms or conditions of licensure.

15 (d) Nothing in this section permits the production  
16 of distilled liquors, such as bourbon, whiskey, rum, or vodka,  
17 for personal use or otherwise.

18 (e) Nothing in this section permits a person less  
19 than 21 years of age to purchase, consume, possess, or  
20 transport beer, mead, cider, or wine produced for personal  
21 use.

22 (f) Nothing in this section permits the production  
23 of beer, mead, cider, and wine in a dry municipality, as the  
24 term is defined in Chapter 2A of Title 28, Code of Alabama  
25 1975, and, with the exception of wet municipalities, as the  
26 term is defined in Chapter 2A of Title 28, Code of Alabama  
27 1975, nothing in this section permits the production of beer,

1 mead, cider, and wine in a dry county, as the term is defined  
2 in Chapter 2A of Title 28, Code of Alabama 1975.

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.