

A Brewing Renaissance

Cincinnati reclaims its status as a leader in craft beer

The following legislation has led to a recent renaissance in craft beer taprooms.

House Bill 243 (2011) Allows breweries to sell beer by the glass on their premises without purchasing an additional permit, paving the way for taprooms.

Senate Bill 48 (2013) Reduces start-up costs and permit fees for breweries making less than 31 million gallons per year. SB 48 also allows brewers to sell to retailers and own a distribution business (more sales opportunity).

HOUSE BILL 37 (2016) Removes the 12% Alcohol By Volume limit—thanks in part to lobbying by BrewDog USA as they opened a hub in Columbus.

House Bill 509 (currently under review) entices breweries to use more Ohio-grown ingredients (not counting water) and permits craft beer sales at farmers markets. HB 509 strengthens the existing Ohio Proud Program (promoting Ohio agriculture products).

