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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 177

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 7.1-3-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. **(a) As used in this section, "proprietor of a package liquor store" means the person that:**

- (1) holds the financial investment in; and**
  - (2) exercises the financial and operational oversight of;**
- a package liquor store.**

~~(a)~~ **(b)** The commission may issue a beer dealer's permit only to an applicant who is the proprietor of a drug store, grocery store, or package liquor store.

~~(b)~~ **(c) Subject to subsection (d)**, the commission may issue a beer dealer's permit to an applicant that is a foreign corporation if:

- (1) the applicant is duly admitted to do business in Indiana;
- (2) the sale of beer is within the applicant's corporate powers; and
- (3) the applicant is otherwise qualified under this title.

**(d) Except as provided under IC 7.1-3-21-5.6, the commission may issue a beer dealer's permit under subsection (c) for the premises of a package liquor store only if the proprietor of the package liquor store satisfies the Indiana resident ownership requirements described in IC 7.1-3-21-5(b), IC 7.1-3-21-5.2(b), or IC 7.1-3-21-5.4(b).**



(e) The commission shall not issue a beer dealer's permit to a person who is disqualified under the special disqualifications. However, the special disqualification listed in IC 7.1-3-4-2(a)(13) shall not apply to an applicant for a beer dealer's permit.

(f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), (b), the commission may renew a beer dealer's permit for an applicant who:

- (1) held a permit before July 1, 1997; and
- (2) is the proprietor of a confectionery or a store that:
  - (A) is not a drug store, grocery store, or package liquor store;
  - (B) is in good repute; and
  - (C) in the judgment of the commission, deals in merchandise that is not incompatible with the sale of beer.

SECTION 2. IC 7.1-3-20-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 17.5. (a) As used in this section, "banquet or gathering space" means a room or space in which social events are hosted that is located on the licensed premises of a hotel or restaurant.**

**(b) As used in this section, "social event" means a party, banquet, wedding or other reception, or any other social event.**

**(c) Subject to subsection (d), the holder of a retailer's permit issued for the premises of a hotel or restaurant that has a banquet or gathering space without a permanent bar over which alcoholic beverages may be sold or dispensed may temporarily amend the floor plans of the licensed premises to use the banquet or gathering space to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages from a temporary bar or service bar in the banquet or gathering space.**

**(d) The holder of a retailer's permit shall notify and submit the amended floor plans described in subsection (c) to the commission not later than twenty-four (24) hours before the date the holder intends to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages from a temporary bar or service bar.**

**(e) A holder of a retailer's permit who intends to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages from a temporary bar or service bar as described in this section remains subject to laws and rules requiring that the area in which minors are allowed be separate from the room or area in which the bar is located.**

SECTION 3. IC 7.1-3-20-18.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 18.7. (a) This section applies to the premises of a hotel that is owned by an accredited college or university (as described in IC 24-4-11-2).**



**(b) Subject to subsection (c), the holder of a retailer permit that is issued for the premises of a hotel may sell or dispense, for on premise consumption only, alcoholic beverages, for which the permittee holds the appropriate permit, from a:**

**(1) nonpermanent bar located on an outside patio or terrace;  
or**

**(2) service window located on the licensed premises that opens to an outside patio or terrace;**

**that is contiguous to the main building of the licensed premises of the hotel.**

**(c) The holder of a retailer permit that is issued for the premises of a hotel may sell or dispense alcoholic beverages as provided under subsection (b) only if all the following conditions are met:**

**(1) The patio or terrace area described in subsection (b) is:**

**(A) part of the licensed premises; and**

**(B) clearly delineated and completely enclosed on all sides by a fence, rail, wall, or hedge that is at least four (4) feet in height.**

**(2) Access to the nonpermanent bar or service window is limited by a barrier that reasonably deters free access by minors to the bar or window.**

**(3) A conspicuous sign is posted by the barrier described in subdivision (2) that states that minors are not allowed to cross the barrier to enter the area near the nonpermanent bar or service window.**

**SECTION 4. IC 7.1-3-20-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 27. (a) This section applies to the premises of a restaurant.**

**(b) Subject to subsection (c), the holder of a retailer permit that is issued for the premises of a restaurant may sell or dispense, for on premise consumption only, alcoholic beverages, for which the permittee holds the appropriate permit, from a service window located on the licensed premises that opens to an outside patio or terrace that is contiguous to the main building of the licensed premises of the restaurant.**

**(c) The holder of a retailer permit that is issued for the premises of a restaurant may sell or dispense alcoholic beverages as provided under subsection (b) only if all the following conditions are met:**

**(1) The patio or terrace area described in subsection (b) is:**

**(A) part of the licensed premises; and**



- (B) clearly delineated and completely enclosed on all sides by a barrier that is at least eighteen (18) inches in height.**
- (2) Access to the service window is limited by a barrier that reasonably deters free access by minors to the window.**
- (3) A conspicuous sign is posted by the barrier described in subdivision (2) that states that minors are not allowed to cross the barrier to enter the area near the service window.**

SECTION 5. IC 7.1-3-21-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2015, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) The commission shall not issue an alcoholic beverage retailer's ~~or dealer's~~ permit of any type to a corporation unless sixty percent (60%) of the outstanding common stock is owned by persons who have been continuous and bona fide residents of Indiana for five (5) years.

**(b) The commission shall not issue an alcoholic beverage dealer's permit of any type for the premises of a package liquor store to a corporation unless:**

- (1) sixty percent (60%) of the outstanding stock in the corporation is owned by persons who have been continuous and bona fide residents of Indiana for five (5) years; and**
- (2) the stock described in subdivision (1) constitutes a controlling interest in the corporation.**

~~(b)~~ **(c) Each officer and stockholder of a corporation shall possess all other qualifications required of an individual applicant for that particular type of permit.**

SECTION 6. IC 7.1-3-21-5.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2015, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5.2. (a) The commission shall not issue an alcoholic beverage retailer's ~~or dealer's~~ permit of any type to a limited partnership unless at least sixty percent (60%) of the partnership interest is owned by persons who have been continuous and bona fide residents of Indiana for five (5) years.

**(b) The commission shall not issue an alcoholic beverage dealer's permit of any type for the premises of a package liquor store to a limited partnership unless:**

- (1) at least sixty percent (60%) of the partnership interest is owned by persons who have been continuous and bona fide residents of Indiana for five (5) years; and**
- (2) the partnership interest described in subdivision (1) constitutes a controlling interest in the limited partnership.**

~~(b)~~ **(c) Each general partner and limited partner of a limited partnership must possess all other qualifications required of an**



individual applicant for that particular type of permit.

SECTION 7. IC 7.1-3-21-5.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2015, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5.4. (a) The commission shall not issue an alcoholic beverage retailer's or dealer's permit of any type to a limited liability company unless at least sixty percent (60%) of the membership interest is owned by persons who have been continuous and bona fide residents of Indiana for five (5) years.

**(b) The commission shall not issue an alcoholic beverage dealer's permit of any type for the premises of a package liquor store to a limited liability company unless:**

- (1) at least sixty percent (60%) of the outstanding membership interest in the limited liability company is owned by persons who have been continuous and bona fide residents of Indiana for five (5) years; and**
- (2) the membership interest described in subdivision (1) constitutes a controlling interest in the limited partnership.**

~~(b)~~ (c) Each manager and member of a limited liability company must possess all other qualifications required of an individual applicant for that particular type of permit.

SECTION 8. IC 7.1-3-21-5.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 5.6. (a) Notwithstanding section 5, 5.2, or 5.4 of this chapter, the commission may renew or transfer ownership of a dealer's permit of any type for the holder of a dealer's permit who:**

- (1) held the permit for the premises of a package liquor store before January 1, 2016; and**
- (2) does not qualify for the permit under section 5(b), 5.2(b), or 5.4(b) of this chapter.**

**(b) The commission may transfer ownership of a dealer's permit under this section only to an applicant who satisfies the Indiana resident ownership requirements under this chapter.**

SECTION 9. IC 7.1-5-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.79-2015, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. (a) This section does not apply to the following:

- (1) The necessary refilling of a container by a person holding a permit that authorizes the person to manufacture, rectify, or bottle liquor.
- (2) An establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold that is owned, in whole or part, by an entity that holds a brewer's permit issued under ~~IC 7.1-3-2-2(b)~~: **for a brewery described in**



**IC 7.1-3-2-7(5).**

(3) An establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold that is owned, in whole or part, by a statewide trade organization consisting of members, each of whom holds a brewer's permit issued under IC 7.1-3-2-2(b).

(4) The refilling of a bottle or container or possession of a refilled bottle or container if the refilling or possession is not for resale or another commercial purpose.

**(5) The refilling of a bottle or container with hard cider in an establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold that is owned, in whole or in part, by an entity that manufactures hard cider under the appropriate permit issued under this title.**

**(6) The refilling of a bottle or container with a product from a farm winery in an establishment in which alcoholic beverages are sold that is owned, in whole or in part, by the holder of a farm winery permit.**

(b) Except as provided in section 6 of this chapter, it is unlawful for a person to:

(1) refill a bottle or container, in whole or in part, with an alcoholic beverage; or

(2) knowingly possess a bottle or container that has been refilled, in whole or in part, with an alcoholic beverage;

after the container of liquor has been emptied in whole or in part.

(c) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates subsection (a) or (b) commits a Class B misdemeanor.

**SECTION 10. An emergency is declared for this act.**



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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