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Introduced by Representatives Birong of Vergennes and Boyden of Cambridge

Date:

Subject: Alcoholic beverages; licensing; retail licenses and permits;  
miscellaneous amendments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to:

(1) authorize the holder of a fourth-class license to sell its products to  
not more than eight additional manufacturers or rectifiers; and

(2) authorize manufacturers of malt beverages to acquire a retail  
shipping license and ship malt beverages to first- and second-class licensees.

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the statutes governing  
alcoholic beverages

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 224 is amended to read:

§ 224. FOURTH-CLASS LICENSES

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(c)(1) At only one fourth-class license location, a licensed manufacturer or  
rectifier may sell by the unopened container or distribute by the glass, with or  
without charge, alcoholic beverages produced by ~~no~~ not more than ~~five~~ eight

1 additional manufacturers or rectifiers, provided these beverages are purchased  
2 on invoice from the manufacturer or rectifier.

3 (2) A manufacturer or rectifier may sell its product to ~~no~~ not more than  
4 ~~five~~ eight additional manufacturers or rectifiers.

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6 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 278 is amended to read:

7 § 278. VINOUS BEVERAGE AND MALT BEVERAGE RETAIL  
8 SHIPPING LICENSE

9 (a) A manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages or malt beverages that  
10 is licensed in the State or outside the State and holds valid state and federal  
11 permits and operates a winery or brewery in the United States may apply for a  
12 retail shipping license by filing with the Division of Liquor Control an  
13 application in a form required by the Commissioner accompanied by a copy of  
14 its in-state or out-of-state license and the fee provided in section 204 of this  
15 title.

16 \* \* \*

17 (c) A retail shipping license holder, including the holder's affiliates,  
18 franchises, and subsidiaries, may sell up to 5,000 gallons of vinous beverages  
19 or malt beverages per year directly to first- or second-class licensees and  
20 deliver the beverages by common carrier, the manufacturer's or rectifier's own  
21 vehicle, or the vehicle of an employee of a manufacturer or rectifier, provided

1 that the beverages are sold on invoice, and ~~no~~ not more than 100 gallons per  
2 month are sold to any single first- or second-class licensee.

3 \* \* \*

4 (e) Vinous beverages or malt beverages sold under this section may be  
5 delivered by the vehicle of a second-class license holder if the second-class  
6 licensee cannot obtain the vinous beverages or malt beverages from a  
7 wholesale dealer.

8 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.