HOUSE BILL NO. HB0030

Obsolete laws.

Sponsored by: Management Council

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for

1 AN ACT relating to the general revision of laws; amending

- 2 archaic and obsolete provisions; repealing fully executed
- 3 or otherwise archaic and obsolete provisions; and providing
- 4 for an effective date.

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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 8 **Section 1.** W.S. 12-1-101(a)(iii)(E), (iv), (ix) and
- 9 (xvii), 12-1-102(b), 12-2-201(a)(intro), (ii), (b) through
- 10 (e), (g) (intro) and (iii), 12-2-202(a) (intro), 12-2-203(g),
- 11 12-2-301(a), 12-2-302, 12-2-303(b), 12-2-304 through
- 12 12-2-306, 12-2-502, 12-2-504, 12-3-101(a), (d) and (e),
- 13 12-3-102, 12-4-101(c), 12-4-102(c), 12-4-103(c),
- 14 12-4-104(d), 12-4-301(b), 12-4-407(a) and (c),
- 15 12-4-412(b)(ii), 12-5-202, 12-5-402(c), 12-5-405,

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12-6-101(a), 12-7-102, 12-7-103, 12-7-201(c) through (e), 1 2 12-9-110 and 35-1-627 are amended to read: 3 4 12-1-101. Definitions. 5 (a) As used in this title: 6 7 8 (iii) "Club" any of the following means 9 organizations: 10 11 A social club with more (E) than 12 hundred (100) bona fide members who are residents of the 13 county in which it is located, owning, maintaining or 14 operating club quarters, incorporated and operating solely 15 as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of this state and 16 qualified as a tax exempt organization under the Internal 17 Revenue Service Code and having been continuously operating

20 membership paying dues of at least twenty-five dollars

for a period of not less than one (1) year. The club shall

have had during this one (1) year period a bona fide

21 (\$25.00) per year as recorded by the secretary of the club,

22 quarterly meetings and an actively engaged membership

23 carrying out the objects of the club. A social club shall,

upon applying for a license, file with the licensing

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2 authority and the commission division, a true copy of its 3 bylaws and shall further, upon applying for a renewal of 4 its license, file with the licensing authority and the commission division a detailed statement of its activities 5 during the preceding year which were undertaken or 6 furthered in pursuit of the objects of the club together 7 8 with an itemized statement of amounts expended for such activities. Club members, at the time of application for a 9 10 limited retail liquor license pursuant to W.S. 12-4-301, 11 shall be in good standing by having paid at least one (1) 12 full year in dues; 13 (iv) "Commission" "Division" means the Wyoming 14 liquor division within the department of revenue created 15 16 under W.S. 12-2-106; 17 18 (ix) "Licensing authority" means the governing 19 body of an incorporated city, town or county in Wyoming 20 with the responsibility to issue, control and administer a 21 particular license, or the commission division;

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1 (xvii) "Wholesaler" means any person except the 2 commission division, who sells any alcoholic or malt 3 beverage to a retailer for resale; 4 5 12-1-102. Application of provisions. 6 (b) Nothing in this title prohibits a liquor supplier 7 8 operating under a governmental permit or tax license from selling his product to the commission division 9 10 delivering products at points not within the state of Wyoming after licenses are secured as required by the 11 12 commission division. 13 14 12-2-201. Wholesale license for sale of malt 15 beverages only; fee. 16 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (ii) of 17 18 this subsection a wholesale license authorizing the sale of 19 malt beverages only may be granted by the commission 20 division to microbreweries and malt beverage wholesalers resident within this state. Wholesale licensees have the 21 22 exclusive right to sell malt beverages at wholesale. Any qualified person desiring a wholesale license shall apply 23

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1 to the commission division on forms to be provided and pay

2 a license fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)

3 annually in advance. A wholesale license issued under this

4 subsection shall be subject to the following:

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(ii) The commission division may issue 6 temporary wholesale license under this subsection to a 7 8 brewery or malt beverage importer if a current licensee who 9 has been granted distribution rights for a brand in a 10 designated sales territory is unable to service the 11 territory as a result of the loss of his license, 12 bankruptcy or insolvency, and the loss of license, 13 bankruptcy or insolvency is not the result of action by the 14 brewery or malt beverage importer that is prohibited under 15 the franchise agreement. A temporary license under this 16 paragraph may be issued for a period not to exceed one (1) 17 year and shall be limited to the sale of products in the

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designated territory;

20 (b) Each applicant shall submit to the commission
21 division a statement under oath designating clearly the
22 geographical territory within which the applicant will sell
23 and deliver malt beverages to qualified retail liquor and

malt beverage licensees or permittees only. The territory 1 2 is to be that designated by the brewer or brewer's 3 authorized agent whose product the applicant sells. The application shall state that malt beverages sold by the 4 applicant may be purchased by all retail liquor licensees 5 or malt beverage permittees, and that the applicant will 6 maintain a warehouse and delivery facilities within the 7 8 territory designated. This subsection does not apply to a 9 licensed malt beverage wholesaler when there has been no 10 territorial designation of a brand by a brewer or the 11 brewer's authorized agent to another licensed wholesaler. 12 The commission division may authorize a licensed wholesaler 13 to annually purchase not more than one hundred fifteen 14 (115) gallons of any unassigned brand. A retail liquor 15 licensee or malt beverage permittee shall purchase all malt 16 beverages for retail sale only from a Wyoming wholesale malt beverage licensee. 17

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19 (c) A malt beverage wholesaler may sell to or
20 purchase from another malt beverage wholesaler only those
21 products the purchasing wholesaler is licensed to sell
22 within his designated territory. A copy of the invoice of
23 the transaction shall be submitted to the Wyoming liquor

commission division by the seller. State excise tax shall 1 2 be reported and paid by the licensed malt beverage 3 wholesaler who has imported the products into the state. 4 5 (d) The commission division may grant the number of licenses it deems appropriate and at points within the 6 state as it may select. 7 8 9 (e) All Wyoming breweries and all malt beverage 10 wholesalers shall be under the direct supervision of the commission division and subject to all the provisions of 11 12 this title and the rules and regulations of the department. 13 (g) Notwithstanding W.S. 12-2-203, the commission 14 15 division: 16 (iii) The commission division shall not grant a 17 license for a brewery and a microbrewery to the same 18 19 producer. 20 21 12-2-202. Sales by railroads and chartered transportation services; limited transportation liquor 22

license; fees; chartered transportation services defined.

2 The commission division may authorize sales by 3 railroads and by any charter transportation service. Under 4 the authority of a limited transportation liquor license, railroads and chartered transportation services may sell 5 alcoholic liquor or malt beverages when moved into and 6 through the state in dining cars, club cars, observation 7 8 cars and pullman cars attached to trains or in the passenger compartment of a chartered transportation 9 10 vehicle. Upon application, the commission division may 11 issue a limited transportation liquor license for each scheduled train or chartered transportation vehicle upon 12 13 which alcoholic liquor or malt beverages are to be sold, 14 subject to the following terms and maximum fees:

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16 12-2-203. Manufacturing and rectifying; importing and 17 industry representatives; licensing; fees.

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19 (g) The local licensing authority may issue to the 20 holder of a manufacturer's license under subsection (a) of 21 this section who is a federally licensed distiller or 22 rectifier, a satellite manufacturer's permit which allows 23 the permittee to sell its manufactured product at not more

than one (1) satellite location within Wyoming separate 1 2 from its manufacturing site under the original permit. All 3 products sold at a manufacturer's satellite location shall 4 be obtained through the commission division. The satellite 5 manufacturer's permit may be issued on application to the appropriate licensing authority. The local licensing 6 authority may require a public hearing and the payment of 7 8 an additional permit fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The satellite manufacturer's permit shall be 9 10 subject to the terms and conditions of W.S. 12-4-106, the 11 schedule of operating hours provided in W.S. 12-5-101 and 12 the dispensing room provisions pursuant to W.S. 12-5-201.

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14 **12-2-301**. Generally.

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16 The commission division is the exclusive (a) wholesale distributor and seller of alcoholic liquor within 17 Wyoming. It is granted the sole right to sell alcoholic 18 19 liquors at wholesale, and no licensee or permittee who is 20 granted the right to sell, distribute or receive alcoholic 21 liquors at retail shall purchase any alcoholic liquors from any source other than the commission division, unless 22 23 otherwise expressly authorized by state law. Any

- 1 out-of-state shipment of alcoholic liquor or malt beverage
- 2 into this state is prohibited unless otherwise expressly
- 3 authorized by state law.

5 12-2-302. Collection of excise taxes; disposition of 6 revenue and fees.

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- 8 (a) The commission division shall collect all excise
- 9 taxes provided by this title relating to alcoholic and malt
- 10 beverages for deposit into the general fund.

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- 12 (b) All other revenue and fees collected by the
- 13 commission division shall be deposited into the state
- 14 treasury to the credit of the enterprise fund except as
- 15 otherwise provided by law. The legislature shall authorize
- 16 expenditures as necessary to defray the administrative
- 17 expenses of the commission division, including salaries,
- 18 office expenses and general expenses for the enforcement of
- 19 their duties and sufficient funds to defray the cost of
- 20 alcoholic liquor purchases and attendant expenses as
- 21 provided by W.S. 9-4-205(d).

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1 12-2-303. Purchase and sale of alcoholic liquors; 2 shortages. 3 4 (b) In the case of a shortage in the supply of any alcoholic liquor, the commission division may apportion its 5 available supply among the licensees in an equitable 6 manner. 7 8 9 12-2-304. Inspections and examinations; failure to permit entry. 10 11 The commission division, through its employees or 12 13 agents, may enter and inspect at any time every place of business wherein malt or alcoholic beverages are being 14 sold, stored or kept by any licensee or permittee. 15 16 17 (b) The commission division, through its employees or agents, may examine the records, books of account and stock 18 of malt and alcoholic beverages of retailers, wholesalers 19 20 and licensees. 21 If any licensee refuses to permit the entry of an 22 agent of the commission division to his place of business 23

1 or storage place for the purpose of inspection, his license

2 may be revoked as provided by law. Entry for purposes of

3 inspection is authorized only during open business hours

4 unless it is in the presence of the licensee or his duly

5 authorized representative or unless the officer making

6 entry does so under court order or has reasonable grounds

7 to believe that evidence of any violation of this title is

8 within the place to be entered.

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10 12-2-305. Sales to violators prohibited; hearing and

11 review.

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13 Whenever any licensee is convicted of willfully violating 14 any provision of this title, upon satisfactory proof of the

15 conviction, the $\frac{\text{commission}}{\text{division}}$ may, after notice and

16 hearing, refuse to sell alcoholic beverages to the

17 licensee. The administrative proceeding shall be conducted

18 as a contested case before a hearing examiner of the office

19 of administrative hearings, who shall recommend a decision

20 to the commission division. Judicial review, if any, shall

21 be from the decision of the commission division and in

22 accordance with the provisions of the Wyoming

23 Administrative Procedure Act.

1 2 12-2-306. Sales to licensees failing to pay sales tax 3 prohibited; hearing and review. 4 Upon certification by the department of revenue that any 5 licensee is sixty (60) or more days delinquent in paying 6 sales taxes, the liquor commission division shall not sell 7 8 alcoholic beverages to the licensee or its operator until the department of revenue certifies that the licensee has 9 10 paid all sales taxes owed. Upon receipt of certification, 11 the commission division shall notify the issuing licensing 12 authority of the delinquency. The licensee shall be 13 allowed a hearing before the state board of equalization as 14 provided by the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act if the 15 licensee feels aggrieved by any action taken under this 16 section.

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18 **12-2-502.** Sale of beer kegs.

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20 No licensee shall sell beer kegs unless that licensee

21 affixes an identification label or tag to each beer keg.

22 An identification label or tag provided by the commission

23 division shall consist of paper, plastic, metal or another

durable material that is not easily damaged or destroyed. 1 2 Identification labels may contain a nonpermanent adhesive 3 material in order to apply the label directly to an outside 4 surface of a beer keg at the time of sale. Identification tags shall be attached to beer kegs at the time of sale 5 with nylon ties or cording, wire ties or other metal 6 attachment devices, or another durable means of tying or 7 8 attaching the tag to the beer keg. The identification 9 information contained on the label or tag shall include the 10 licensee's name, address and telephone number, and a unique 11 beer keg number assigned by the licensee. A prominently 12 visible warning that intentional removal or alteration of 13 the label or tag is a criminal offense shall be placed on 14 the tag. Upon return of a beer keg to the licensee that sold the beer keg and attached the identification label or 15 16 tag, the licensee shall be responsible for the complete and thorough removal of the entire identification label or tag, 17 18 and any adhesive or attachment devices on the label or tag. 19 The identification label or tag shall be kept on file with 20 the licensee for not less than ninety (90) days after the 21 date of return.

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23 12-2-504. Access to records.

1 2 A licensee required to retain records under W.S. 12-2-502 3 or 12-2-503(b) shall make the records available during 4 regular business hours for inspection by a peace officer or 5 the commission division. 6 7 12-3-101. Excise tax to be paid; limitation on liquor 8 or malt beverage importation; penalties. 9 10 (a) An excise tax is assessed and shall be collected by the commission division equal to three-fourths of one 11 12 cent (\$.0075) per one hundred (100) milliliters (3.4 13 ounces) or fraction thereof on wine, two and one-half cents 14 (\$.025) per one hundred (100) milliliters (3.4 ounces) or 15 fraction thereof on spirituous liquors and one-half cent 16 (\$.005) per liter (33.8 ounces) or fraction thereof on malt beverages. The appropriate excise tax shall be collected on 17 18 all alcoholic or malt beverages sold, offered for sale or 19 use in this state. 20 21 (d) No person shall, without authorization from the 22 commission division or by law, personally transport

alcoholic liquor or malt beverages into Wyoming for sale,

use or consumption in the state when the applicable state 1 2 excise tax has not been paid. No person shall import or 3 transport at any given time more than three (3) liters of 4 alcoholic liquor excluding wine, nine (9) liters of wine or 5 five (5) gallons of malt beverage for the personal use of the possessor into Wyoming if the applicable state taxes 6 have not been paid. This subsection shall not apply to a 7 8 person importing manufactured wine in accordance with the provisions of W.S. 12-2-204. 9

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11 (e) Any person importing or transporting alcoholic
12 liquor in violation of subsection (d) of this section is
13 guilty of a misdemeanor. All alcoholic liquor or malt
14 beverages illegally imported or transported shall be
15 forfeited and delivered to the commission—division for
16 disposition as inventory stock.

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18 **12-3-102.** Confiscation authorized; disposition; when 19 seizure permitted.

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21 (a) When an authorized inspector discovers alcoholic 22 liquors or malt beverages upon which excise taxes have not 23 been paid in the possession of a licensee, he shall take

1 possession of and hold the alcoholic liquors or malt

2 beverages as evidence against the offender. If the offender

3 is convicted of a violation of W.S. 12-3-101, the court

4 shall order that the untaxed liquor or beverage be

5 delivered to the commission division, if merchantable,

6 where it will be added to its stock and sold in the usual

7 course of business. If the liquors or beverages are

8 determined to be nonmerchantable, the court shall order

9 their destruction.

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11 (b) Whenever an inspector, agent or employee of the

12 commission division or any peace officer of the state

13 lawfully discovers alcoholic liquors or malt beverages

14 which have been unlawfully imported or transported, he may

15 seize the alcoholic liquor or malt beverage and packages in

16 which they are contained for use as evidence and shall not

17 be removed from state control upon writ of replevin or

18 other like process.

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20 12-4-101. Authority of cities, towns and counties;

21 population figures; number of available licenses and

22 permits; assessment and payment of fees.

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1	(c) Population figures and estimates required by
2	subsection (b) of this section shall be furnished to the
3	appropriate licensing authorities within the state by the
4	department of administration and information using
5	population estimates from the United States bureau of the
6	census. The maximum number of licenses and permits
7	available for issuance by a licensing authority pursuant to
8	the population formula provided by W.S. 12-4-201 and
9	12-4-413, shall be certified and distributed by the
10	commission division.
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12	12-4-102. Application for licenses and permits;
13	contents; signature and verification.
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15 (c) Corporate and limited liability company licensees and permittees shall advise the licensing authority within 16 17 thirty (30) days in writing of any change in the 18 information in the application required by paragraphs paragraph (a) (iv) or (v) of this section. The licensing 19 authority shall provide the commission division a copy of a 20 notification of change. 21

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1 12-4-103. Restrictions upon license orpermit 2 applicants and holders; license limitation per person. 3 4 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a license or permit authorized by this title shall 5 not be renewed if the licensee or permittee did not, during 6 the previous one (1) year term of the license or permit, 7 8 purchase at least five hundred dollars (\$500.00) of 9 alcoholic or malt beverages or a combination thereof from 10 the commission division or any authorized malt beverage wholesaler. A retail liquor license shall not be renewed if 11 12 the licensee did not, during the previous one (1) year term 13 of the license, purchase at least two thousand dollars 14 (\$2,000.00) of alcoholic or malt beverages or a combination thereof from the commission division or any authorized malt 15 16 beverage wholesaler. 17 12-4-104. Publication of notice; grant or denial; 18 19 renewal preference; copy of application and notice to 20 division; judicial review. 21 22 (d) When any application is filed with a licensing 23 authority, the licensing authority shall immediately

1 forward a copy of the application to the commission

2 division. No licensing authority shall approve or deny an

3 application until the commission division has certified the

4 application is complete pursuant to this subsection. All

5 applications shall be deemed to be certified unless

6 objection is made by the **commission** <u>division</u> within ten

7 (10) working days after receipt of the application. Upon

8 approval or denial of an application, the licensing

9 authority shall promptly notify the commission division.

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11 12-4-301. Sales by clubs; license fees; petition;

12 license restrictions.

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- 14 (b) At least fifty-one percent (51%) of the
- 15 membership of a social club as defined by W.S.
- 16 12-1-101(a)(iii)(E) shall sign a petition indicating a
- 17 desire to secure a limited retail liquor license. The form
- 18 of the petition shall be prescribed by the commission
- 19 <u>division</u> and shall include the residence address of each
- 20 member signing the petition.

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22 12-4-407. Restaurant liquor license; authorized.

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Restaurants as defined by W.S. 12-1-101(a)(xiv) 1 (a) 2 may be licensed by the appropriate licensing authority in 3 counties, cities and towns under a restaurant liquor 4 license. In addition to the application requirements required by this title, the license applicant shall submit 5 a valid food service permit upon application. When the 6 total dollar amount of wholesale purchases from the liquor 7 8 commission division of liquor in a county is greater than fifty (50) times the county population, then population 9 10 formulas have no application to issuance of restaurant 11 liquor licenses within the county.

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13 (c) After the maximum number of appropriate licenses 14 has been certified by the commission division, the number 15 of restaurant liquor licenses issued shall not exceed fifty 16 percent (50%) of the number of retail liquor licenses allowable under W.S. 12-4-201(d), or two (2), whichever is 17 18 greater.

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20 12-4-412. Microbrewery and winery authorized; conditions; dual permits 21 and licenses; satellite winery permits; direct shipment of wine; fees. 22

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(b) The local licensing authority: 1 2 3 (ii) May allow the sale of other wines under a 4 winery permit for on-premises consumption when obtained 5 from the commission division; 6 7 12-5-202. Storage outside licensed premises 8 prohibited; exception. 9 10 A retail licensee shall not store alcoholic liquor or malt beverages outside of the licensed premises unless he files 11 12 with the commission division a written statement that he 13 stores alcoholic liquors or malt beverages in a place other 14 than his place of business and states the exact location of 15 the storage place. 16 17 12-5-402. Furnishing of money and products; payment in full for malt beverages; credit for alcoholic liquor; 18 19 credit deficiencies. 20 21 (c) The commission—division may grant credit to 22 retailers when purchasing alcoholic liquor for a period not to exceed four (4) days from date of shipment. Payments by 23

1 mail for credit shipments shall be postmarked within

2 twenty-four (24) hours of the receipt of the shipment by

3 the retailer. The commission division may seize and sell

4 all stocks of liquor of the retailer to satisfy any credit

5 balance. Any deficiency constitutes a lien on any proceeds

6 received through transfer of the license or permit. If a

7 retailer defaults in payment for a shipment under this

8 section, no further shipments shall be made to him for a

9 period of one (1) year except on a C.O.D. basis.

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11 12-5-405. Sale of alcoholic liquor.

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13 Industry representatives shall not sell or attempt to sell

14 any alcoholic liquor within Wyoming, except to the

15 <u>commission</u> <u>division</u>. Any violation of this section is a

16 misdemeanor.

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18 12-6-101. Sale or possession prohibited; when

19 possession unlawful; public drunkenness; falsification of

20 identification; penalty; prima facie identification as

21 **defense**.

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- (a) Any person who sells, furnishes, gives or causes 1 2 to be sold, furnished or given away any alcoholic liquor or 3 malt beverage to any person under the age of twenty-one 4 (21) years, who is not his legal ward, medical patient or member of his own immediate family, is quilty of a 5 misdemeanor. This subsection does not apply to sales by 6 the commission division or a wholesaler to a licensee under 7 8 this title. 9 10 12-7-102. Suspension of license when revocation 11 inadvisable. 12
- 13 In a proceeding for revocation of a liquor license and when a licensee is found guilty of violating W.S. 12-1-101 14 15 through 12-8-301, the district court or the commission 16 division may, if it appears inadvisable to revoke the license, suspend the license for a period not to exceed the 17 balance of the term for which the license was issued and 18 19 the suspension shall not, of itself, disqualify the license 20 holder for renewal at the end of the license term.
- 22 **12-7-103**. Suspension of license by licensing 23 authorities for failure to pay sales tax.

1 2 A local licensing authority may suspend any license issued 3 under this title if the licensee fails to pay sales taxes 4 and the commission division has ceased sales of alcoholic liquor to the licensee pursuant to W.S. 12-2-306. 5 licensee may appeal license suspension to the district 6 court in the manner specified under W.S. 12-4-104(f) and 7 8 the appeal proceedings shall be in accordance with the 9 Wyoming Rules of Appellate Procedure. The suspension shall 10 remain in effect pending a decision by the appellate court. 11 12 12-7-201. Civil action; administrative and judicial proceedings; disposition of liquors. 13 14 15 (c) The provisions of this section are cumulative and 16 shall not be construed as preventing the commission division from revoking a liquor license in any case 17 18 authorized by law. 19 20 The commission division may revoke any license or 21 permit issued under this title for violation of any of the 22 rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this title or for violation of any of the

provisions of this title. Revocation proceedings initiated 1 2 by the commission division shall be conducted as a 3 contested case under the Wyoming Administrative Procedure 4 Act before a hearing examiner of the office administrative hearings, who shall recommend a decision to 5 the commission division. The decision of the commission 6 division shall be subject to judicial review under W.S. 7 8 16-3-114 except that the review shall not operate to stay a revocation order of the commission during the 9 pendency of the district court proceeding or during a later 10 11 appeal to the supreme court. Should the license of a 12 defendant expire during the pendency of an appeal in any of 13 the courts of this state, no new or renewal license shall be granted by the licensing authority to the defendant or 14 any other person pending the outcome of the appeal. 15

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17 (e) Upon the revocation of a liquor license or 18 permit, all alcoholic liquors in the possession of the 19 license holder and which are in merchantable condition 20 shall be delivered to the commission division which shall 21 reimburse the license holder for the value thereof at its 22 then regular wholesale prices. All malt beverages

1 nonmerchantable alcoholic liquors shall be disposed of at

2 the direction of the commission division.

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4 12-9-110. Discontinuance of production or

5 distribution.

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Notwithstanding W.S. 12-9-105, 12-9-108 and 12-9-109, a 7 8 manufacturer may terminate, cancel, not renew 9 discontinue an agreement upon not less than thirty (30) 10 days prior written notice if the supplier discontinues production or discontinues distribution throughout this 11 12 state of all the brands sold by the manufacturer to the 13 distributor. Nothing in this act shall prohibit a 14 manufacturer, upon not less than thirty (30) days notice, 15 to completely discontinue the distribution throughout this 16 state of any particular brand or package of malt beverage. 17 section does not prohibit a manufacturer from conducting test marketing of a new brand of malt beverage 18 19 or from conducting the test marketing of a brand of malt 20 beverage which is not currently being sold in this state, 21 provided that the manufacturer has notified the commission 22 division in writing of its plans to test market.

notice shall describe the market area in which the test

1 shall be conducted, the name or names of the distributors

2 who will be selling the malt beverage, the name or names of

3 the brand of malt beverage being tested, and the period of

4 time during which the testing will take place. A market

5 testing period shall not exceed eighteen (18) months.

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35-1-627. Examination of accounts.

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The governing body of any entity receiving state funds 9 under this act shall not less than every two (2) years 10 11 cause to be made an audit or other oversight of the 12 financial affairs and transactions of all funds 13 activities of the entity in accordance with W.S. 16-4-121(b) and (c) and 16-4-122. Costs of the audit or 14 15 other oversight shall be borne by the entity. Copies of 16 audit reports or other reports shall be submitted to the 17 division and the director of the state department of audit 18 upon completion. The director of the state department of 19 audit shall adopt rules for audits and may examine the 20 accounts of any entity receiving state funds under this 21 act. The legislative service office may audit the accounts of any entity. These accounts shall be maintained in a 22 23 manner to guarantee confidentiality of the patient's

identity. The state auditor and treasurer shall not disburse any state money to any entity refusing access to its accounts and records for the purposes of this section.

Section 2. W.S. 28-5-101(c) is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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