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2 An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the laws governing
3 alcoholic beverages and the Board of Liquor and Lottery

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

5 * * * Special Venue Serving Permit; Retail Establishments * * *

6 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:

7 § 2. DEFINITIONS

8 As used in this title:

9 * * *

10 (38) “Special venue serving permit” means a permit granted by the
11 Division of Liquor Control permitting an art gallery, ~~bookstore~~ retail
12 establishment, public library, or museum to conduct an event at which malt or
13 vinous beverages, or both, are served by the glass to the public. As used in this
14 section, “art gallery” means a fixed establishment whose primary purpose is to
15 exhibit or offer for sale works of art; ~~“bookstore” means a fixed establishment~~
16 ~~whose primary purpose is to offer books for sale~~; “public library” has the same
17 meaning as in 22 V.S.A. § 101; and “museum” has the same meaning as in
18 27 V.S.A. § 1151.

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1 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 254 is amended to read:

2 § 254. SPECIAL VENUE SERVING PERMITS

3 (a) The Division of Liquor Control may grant an art gallery, ~~bookstore~~
4 retail establishment, public library, or museum a special venue serving permit
5 if the applicant has:

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7 (c) A permit holder shall be subject to the provisions of this title and the
8 rules of the Board regarding the service of alcoholic beverages. A permit
9 holder shall be authorized to serve, but not sell, alcoholic beverages for not
10 more than six hours and solely for consumption on the permitted premises.

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12 (e) An art gallery, retail establishment, public library, or museum may be
13 issued not more than 12 special venue serving permits in a calendar year.

14 * * * 2026 Sunset of Special Venue Serving Permits
15 for Retail Establishments * * *

16 Sec. 3. 7 V.S.A. § 254 is amended to read:

17 § 254. SPECIAL VENUE SERVING PERMITS

18 (a) The Division of Liquor Control may grant an art gallery, ~~retail~~
19 ~~establishment~~, public library, or museum a special venue serving permit if the
20 applicant has:

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1 (e) An art gallery, ~~retail establishment~~, public library, or museum may be
2 issued not more than 12 special venue serving permits in a calendar year.

3 * * * Sampling Event Permits * * *

4 Sec. 4. 7 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:

5 § 2. DEFINITIONS

6 As used in this title:

7 * * *

8 (38) “Special venue serving permit” means a permit granted by the
9 Division of Liquor Control permitting an art gallery, ~~retail establishment~~,
10 public library, or museum to conduct an event at which malt or vinous
11 beverages, or both, are served by the glass to the public. As used in this
12 section, “art gallery” means a fixed establishment whose primary purpose is to
13 exhibit or offer for sale works of art; “public library” has the same meaning as
14 in 22 V.S.A. § 101; and “museum” has the same meaning as in 27 V.S.A.
15 § 1151.

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17 Sec. 5. 7 V.S.A. § 253 is amended to read:

18 § 253. SAMPLING EVENT PERMITS

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20 (e)(1) A sampling event permit holder may purchase invoiced volumes of
21 malt beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages directly

1 from a manufacturer, wholesale dealer, or packager licensed in Vermont or a
2 manufacturer, wholesale dealer, or packager that holds a federal Basic Permit
3 or Brewers Notice or evidence of licensure in a foreign country that is
4 satisfactory to the Board.

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6 * * * Special Event Permits * * *

7 Sec. 6. 7 V.S.A. § 252 is amended to read:

8 § 252. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

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10 (c) A licensed manufacturer or rectifier may be issued not more than ~~10~~ 20
11 special event permits for the same physical location in a calendar year.

12 * * * Liquor and Lottery Annual Report * * *

13 Sec. 7. 31 V.S.A. § 657 is amended to read:

14 § 657. REPORT OF THE ~~BOARD~~ DEPARTMENT

15 The ~~Board~~ Department of Liquor and Lottery shall make an annual report to
16 the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before the 10th day of
17 ~~January~~ March in each year. The report shall include an account of the
18 Board's actions and the receipts derived under the provisions of this chapter,
19 the practical effects of the application of the proceeds of the Lottery, and any
20 recommendation for legislation that the Board deems advisable.

1 * * * Extension of Liquor Liability Insurance Requirement * * *

2 Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 17, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

4 (a) This section and Secs. 1 and 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

5 (b) Sec. 2 shall take effect on July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026.

6 * * * Merger of Licensed Entities; License * * *

7 Sec. 9. 7 V.S.A. § 204 is amended to read:

8 § 204. APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR LICENSES AND

9 PERMITS; DISPOSITION OF FEES

10 (a) The following fees shall be paid when applying for a new license or
11 permit or to renew a license or permit:

12 * * *

13 (25) For a retail master license, \$1,000.00.

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15 Sec. 10. 7 V.S.A. § 231 is added to read:

16 § 231. RETAIL MASTER LICENSE

17 The Division of Liquor Control may grant a retail master license to a person

18 that acts as the parent corporation for licensed retail dealers or manufacturers

19 that have merged. The holder of a retail master license may provide unified

20 payroll and administrative services for the licensed retail dealers or

21 manufacturers. The Division may apply to the holder of a retail master license

1 any duties or liability for licensee conduct that belongs to the subsidiary
2 licensees. The Board of Liquor and Lottery may adopt rules to ensure that the
3 holder of a master retail license and the licensed retail dealers or manufacturers
4 continue to comply with the provisions of this title.

5 * * * Tobacco Retail Audit * * *

6 Sec. 11. TOBACCO RETAIL AUDIT; INTENT; REPORT

7 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that comprehensive data should
8 be developed regarding the placement of beverage alcohol products in retail
9 establishments to inform future public policy decisions by the General
10 Assembly.

11 (b)(1) On or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Liquor and
12 Lottery shall report to the House Committees on Government Operations and
13 Military Affairs and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on
14 Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Health and
15 Welfare regarding the results of the 2024 Tobacco Retail Audit.

16 (2) The report shall include detailed findings regarding the physical
17 placement of beverage alcohol products within licensed retail establishments.

18 (3) The report shall take the form of a presentation to each of the
19 Committees.

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* * * Effective Dates * * *

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Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(a) This section and Sec. 5 shall take effect on passage.

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(b) Secs. 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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(c) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2024.