

1 S.188

2 Introduced by Senator Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; general provisions; fortified wine

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow a manufacturer or rectifier of  
7 vinous beverages and a holder of a second class license to sell fortified wine to  
8 the public.

9 An act relating to fortified wine

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

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

12 § 2. DEFINITIONS

13 The following words as used in this title, unless a contrary meaning is  
14 required by the context, shall have the following meaning:

15 \* \* \*

16 (15) "Manufacturer's or rectifier's license": a license granted by the  
17 liquor control board that permits the holder to manufacture or rectify spirituous  
18 liquors for export and sale to the liquor control board, or malt beverages and  
19 vinous beverages for export and sale to bottlers or wholesale dealers. This  
20 license permits a manufacturer of vinous beverages to receive from another

1 manufacturer licensed in or outside this state bulk shipments of vinous  
2 beverages to rectify with the licensee's own product, provided that the vinous  
3 beverages produced by a Vermont manufacturer may contain no more than 25  
4 percent imported vinous beverage. The liquor control board may grant to a  
5 licensed manufacturer or rectifier a first class restaurant or cabaret license or  
6 first and third class restaurant or cabaret license permitting the licensee to sell  
7 alcoholic beverages to the public only at the manufacturer's premises, which  
8 for the purposes of a manufacturer of malt beverages, includes up to two  
9 licensed establishments that are located on the contiguous real estate of the  
10 holder of the manufacturer's license, provided the manufacturer owns or has  
11 direct control over those establishments. A manufacturer of malt beverages  
12 who also holds a first class restaurant or cabaret license may serve to a  
13 customer malt beverage by the glass, not to exceed eight glasses at one time  
14 and not to exceed four ounces in each glass. The liquor control board may  
15 grant to a licensed manufacturer or a rectifier of malt beverages a second class  
16 license permitting the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages to the public  
17 anywhere on the manufacturer's or rectifier's premises. The liquor control  
18 board may grant a licensed manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages a  
19 second class license to sell vinous beverages, including fortified wine, to the  
20 public anywhere on the manufacturer's or rectifier's premises. A licensed  
21 manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages may serve, with or without

1 charge, at an event held on premises of the licensee or the vineyard property,  
2 spirits and vinous and malt beverages, provided the licensee gives the  
3 department written notice of the event, including details required by the  
4 department, at least five days before the event. Any beverages not  
5 manufactured by the licensee and served at the event shall be purchased on  
6 invoice from a licensed manufacturer or wholesale dealer or liquor control  
7 board.

8 \* \* \*

9 (23) "Vinous beverages": all fermented beverages of any name or  
10 description manufactured or obtained for sale from the natural sugar content of  
11 fruits, or other agricultural product, containing sugar, the alcoholic content of  
12 which is not less than one percent ~~nor more than 16 percent by volume at 60~~  
13 ~~degrees Fahrenheit; except that all vermouths shall be purchased and retailed~~  
14 ~~by and through the liquor control board as authorized in chapter 5 and chapter~~  
15 ~~7 of this title.~~ "Vinous beverages" also includes fortified wines.

16 \* \* \*

17 (33) "Fortified wine" means all vinous beverages with an alcohol  
18 content of more than 16 percent by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.