

1 H.176

2 Introduced by Representative McCullough of Williston

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; licensing; display of alcohol content on menus

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow first

7 class licensees to sell malt beverages to consumers for consumption off the

8 licensed premises. The bill also requires licensees and manufacturers of malt

9 beverages to list the alcohol content of the beverages offered for sale.

10 An act relating to alcoholic beverages

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

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

13 § 2. DEFINITIONS

14 The following words as used in this title, unless a contrary meaning is

15 required by the context, shall have the following meaning:

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17 (10) "First class license": a license granted by the ~~control~~

18 ~~commissioners~~ Control Commissioners permitting the licensee to sell malt or

19 vinous beverages to the public for consumption ~~only~~ on the premises for which

1 the license is granted. A first class licensee may sell malt beverages in a
2 capped or sealed container for consumption off the licensed premises.

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4 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 222 is amended to read:

5 § 222. FIRST AND SECOND CLASS LICENSES, GRANTING OF; SALE
6 TO MINORS; CONTRACTING FOR FOOD SERVICE

7 With the approval of the ~~liquor control board~~ Liquor Control Board, the
8 ~~control commissioners~~ Control Commissioners may grant to a retail dealer for
9 the premises where the dealer carries on business the following:

10 (1) Upon making application and paying the license fee provided in
11 section 231 of this title, a first class license which authorizes the dealer to sell
12 malt and vinous beverages for consumption only on those premises, and upon
13 satisfying the ~~liquor control board~~ Liquor Control Board that the premises are
14 leased, rented, or owned by the retail dealer and are devoted primarily to
15 dispensing meals to the public, except clubs and cabarets, and that the premises
16 have adequate and sanitary space and equipment for preparing and serving
17 meals. The term "public" includes patrons of hotels, boarding houses,
18 restaurants, dining cars, and similar places where meals are served. A retail
19 dealer carrying on business in more than one place shall acquire a first class
20 license for each place where the retail dealer sells malt and vinous beverages.
21 No malt or vinous beverages shall be sold by a first class licensee to a minor.

1 A first class licensee may sell malt beverages in a capped or sealed container
2 for consumption off the licensed premises. Partially consumed bottles of malt
3 or vinous beverages ~~or specialty beers~~ that were purchased with a meal may be
4 removed from first class licensed premises provided the beverages are
5 recapped or resealed.

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7 Sec. 3. 7 V.S.A. § 242 is added to read:

8 § 242. FIRST AND THIRD CLASS LICENSEES; MANUFACTURE OF
9 MALT BEVERAGES; ALCOHOL CONTENT

10 (a) A first class or first and third class licensee shall list on its food and
11 beverage menu or in a conspicuous location within the licensed premises the
12 alcohol content of each alcoholic beverage that is offered for sale.

13 (b) Malt beverages manufactured in the State shall be affixed with a label
14 stating the alcohol content of the malt beverage.

15 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 In Sec. 3, 7 V.S.A. § 242(b) (regarding display of alcohol content on malt
17 beverages manufactured in the State) shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

18 7 V.S.A. § 242(a) and all other sections of this act shall take effect on July 1,
19 2013.