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Introduced by Representatives Martin of Wolcott, Consejo of Sheldon, Evans
of Essex, and Townsend of Randolph

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Alcoholic beverages; definitions; fourth class license

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
definition of fourth class license to include malt beverages.

An act relating to fourth class licenses

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

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

§ 2. DEFINITIONS

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

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(28) “Fourth class license” or “farmers’ market license”: the license
granted by the ~~liquor control board~~ Liquor Control Board permitting a
manufacturer or rectifier of malt or vinous beverages or spirits to sell by the
unopened container and distribute, by the glass with or without charge,
beverages manufactured by the licensee. No more than a combined total of ten

1 fourth class and farmers' market licenses may be granted to a licensed
2 manufacturer or rectifier. At only one fourth class license location, a
3 manufacturer or rectifier of malt or vinous beverages may sell by the unopened
4 container and distribute by the glass, with or without charge, malt or vinous
5 beverages produced by no more than five additional manufacturers or
6 rectifiers, provided these beverages are purchased on invoice from the
7 manufacturer or rectifier. A manufacturer or rectifier of malt or vinous
8 beverages may sell its product to no more than five additional manufacturers or
9 rectifiers. A fourth class licensee may distribute by the glass no more than two
10 ounces of malt or vinous beverage with a total of eight ounces to each retail
11 customer and no more than one-quarter ounce of spirits with a total of one
12 ounce to each retail customer for consumption on the manufacturer's premises
13 or at a farmers' market. A farmers' market license is valid for all dates of
14 operation for a specific farmers' market location.

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16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.