

1 S.253

2 Introduced by Senator Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; fortified wines; manufacture

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a  
7 person to obtain a manufacturer's or rectifier's license to produce both vinous  
8 beverages and fortified wines.

9 An act relating to the manufacture of fortified wines

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:

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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 ~~spirits~~  
18 ~~or malt beverages, or vinous beverages and fortified wines, or spirits and~~  
19 fortified wines. Spirits and fortified wines may be manufactured or rectified  
20 by a license holder for export and sale to the Liquor Control Board, ~~or and~~ malt

1 beverages and vinous beverages may be manufactured or rectified by a license  
2 holder for export and sale to bottlers or wholesale dealers. This license permits  
3 a manufacturer of vinous beverages or fortified wines to receive from another  
4 manufacturer licensed in or outside this State bulk shipments of vinous  
5 beverages to rectify with the licensee's own product, provided that the vinous  
6 beverages or fortified wines produced by a Vermont manufacturer may contain  
7 no more than 25 percent imported vinous beverage. The Liquor Control Board  
8 may grant to a licensed manufacturer or rectifier a first-class restaurant or  
9 cabaret license or first- and third-class restaurant or cabaret license permitting  
10 the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages to the public only at the manufacturer's  
11 premises, which, for the purposes of a manufacturer of malt beverages,  
12 includes up to two licensed establishments that are located on the contiguous  
13 real estate of the holder of the manufacturer's license, provided the  
14 manufacturer owns or has direct control over those establishments. A  
15 manufacturer of malt beverages who also holds a first-class restaurant or  
16 cabaret license may serve to a customer malt ~~beverage~~ beverages by the glass,  
17 not to exceed eight glasses at one time and not to exceed four ounces in each  
18 glass. The Liquor Control Board may grant to a licensed manufacturer or a  
19 rectifier of malt beverages a second-class license permitting the licensee to sell  
20 alcoholic beverages to the public anywhere on the manufacturer's or rectifier's  
21 premises. A licensed manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages may serve,

1 with or without charge, at an event held on premises of the licensee or the  
2 vineyard property, spirits, fortified wines, vinous beverages, and malt  
3 beverages, provided the licensee gives the Department written notice of the  
4 event, including details required by the Department, at least five days before  
5 the event. Any beverages not manufactured by the licensee and served at the  
6 event shall be purchased on invoice from a licensed manufacturer or wholesale  
7 dealer or the Liquor Control Board.

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9 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 231 is amended to read:

10 § 231. FEES FOR LICENSES AND PERMITS; DISPOSITION OF FEES

11 (a) The following fees shall be paid:

12 (1) For a manufacturer's or rectifier's license to manufacture or rectify  
13 malt beverages ~~and, or~~ vinous beverages and fortified wines, or ~~to manufacture~~  
14 ~~or rectify~~ spirits and fortified wines, \$285.00 for ~~either~~ each license.

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16 (11) For up to ten fourth-class ~~vinous~~ licenses, \$65.00.

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18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.